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Gladiolus---Owing to the great demand my stock of Gladiolus bulbs is entirely exhausted, and I am, therefore, unable to fill any more orders for them.

Campanula, annual, mxd. Charming little bell-flowers, free-blooming, blue and white; fine for beds and edgings. *C. procumbens* is pretty for baskets.

Mr. Park:—I have a very gay border of *Campanula*. I would not be without its cheering influence.—Mrs. Jones, Cal., Nov. 3, 1914.

Cannabis Gigantea, Hemp **Capitulum**, Pepper, 25 distinct fine sorts mixed.

Small fancy sorts for pots for house culture, mixed.

Carduus, white-vein foliage



Carnation, Imp. Early-fl. Vanguard, double, blooming first year; white, red, yellow, striped, yellow-ground, variegated, separate or mixed.

Earliest French Giant, white, yellow, scarlet, rose, separate or mixed.

Marguerite Improved, white, red, rose, yellow and variegated, separate or mxd

Comtesse de Paris, yellow. Gulland, exquisite double, Early-fl. Carnations mxd.

[Note.—All of my Carnation seeds are of the finest quality. They will please you.]

Mr. Park:—My Carnations from your seeds were fine. I started the plants in May. They soon became large, thrifty plants, with red, pink, yellow, white and yellow edged pink blossoms all over, and lasted till the ground froze.—Mrs. Schofield, Ia., Oct. 15, 1914.

Carthamus tinctorius, Saffron; golden flowers

Catchfly, pretty hardy annual; rose and white; one foot high; mixed colors.

Celosia Cristata, Coxcomb Empress, crimson, for beds Dwarf mixed, extra quality

Thompson's mag., crimson Magnifica, golden yellow

Magnifica, all colors mxd and Dwarf C. mxd

All *Celosias* are fine for beds or pots, and are always in bloom and very attractive.

The new Magnifica sorts are especially beautiful, and the seeds I offer are unsurpassed.

Mr. Park:—I have had splendid success with your Coxcombs. They are drought-resisting, and when other yards were bare and brown mine was gorgeous with beds of Coxcomb.—Mrs. Coates, Tex., Oct. 6, 1914.

Centaurium Drummondii, yellow.

Centranthus macrocephalus, white, flesh, carmine, bicolor, mixed.

A lovely annual, ever-blooming, the small flowers in big clusters, very pretty.

Cerastium Biebersteini, silvery foliage, Daisy-like white blooms; fine edged.

Cerinth the retorta, bee pl't. **Chaenostoma**, rose, fine.

Cheiranthus maritimus, fine little annual for pots or masses; mixed.

Centaurea Cyanus, d'ble blue, white, rose, variegated, Bach. Button, mixed. Nana Compacta, blue, wh., etc., free-blooming, mixed. Depressa, King of Blue-bottles, fine for cutting. Moschata, blue, white, etc. Suaveolens, Sweet Sultan. Odorata, blue, etc., mixed. Americana, showy rose-fl. Complete mixture all sorts. Few flowers are finer for bouquets, or last better than *Centaureas*. *C. Cyanus*, double blue, is exquisite and can be worn in the buttonhole a day without wilting. All are showy in the garden.

Mr. Park:—*Centaurea odorata* is beautiful, and the flowers are among the best for cutting. If freely cut the plants bloom for a long time.—Mrs. Chapman, Ill., Oct. 1914.

Chrysanthemum, annual, mixed

Carinatum, double, white, yellow, purple, scarlet, mxd

Hybridum flmbriatum, double, mixed

Coronarum, double, mxd New Dwarf

Northern Star, Giant, white Inodorum, Bridal Robe, wh. Frutescens, white, yel., mxd

Mr. Park:—My Annual *Chrysanthemums* were very pretty, blooming from June till after frosts; colors white, yellow, gold-centered, etc., a beautiful border for the hardy Mums.—Mrs. Barley, Ky., Oct. 13, 1914.

Clarkia, Elegans, double, white, rose, salmon, purple, striped, mixed.

Pulchella, double, white, red, margined, mixed. All the above mixed.

Mr. Park:—What a delightful surprise your *Clarkias* were to me last summer. It was my first experience with them, but hereafter I shall not consider my garden complete without them.—Mrs. Turner, Minn., Oct. 23, 1914.

Cleome gigantea, carmine. Spider-flower; 3 feet tall, branching and covered with showy, white, Electric Light, mixed; spikes till frost.

Clintonia, blue, white, mxd

Collinsia, lovely annuals with whorls of white, purple, carmine, variegated, mixed.

Colonia coccinea, scarlet

Cosmidium, velvety bro'n

Crepis, double, pink, white, yellow, mixed; showy

Cuphea, the species mxd

Cynoglossum, blue, mxd.

Dahlia, Double mixed

Juarezil and Lilliput, mxd Gloria, semi-double, " Single Giant, "

Cactus sorts, " Margined and striped

Coronata, sweet-scented Collar or Ruffled

Tom Thumb, mixed All, single and double, mxd

Mr. Park:—Last March I started a packet of seeds of your Dahlias in the house, and had 18 plants. All but two bloomed, and all were worth keeping. One was a soft pink Cactus sort; one bright red was 5 in. across; another had twisted petals;

and the single-flowered were as much admired as the rest. Everyone enjoyed the fun of naming them.—Mrs. Jones, O., Nov. 4, 1914.

Eucharidium, mxd col's **Euphorbia Variegata**, foliage edged white; called Snow on the Mountain. Heterophylla, scarlet. Both sorts mixed

Euloca viscida, free-blooming annuals, six in. high; flowers white and rich blue; very pretty

Fedia coruocopia, a pretty little annual; corymbs of red flowers

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Gaillardia Picta, mixed

Lorenziana, double, mixed Grandiflora, large, mixed

New Compact, mixed

Beautiful garden flowers blooming continuously till after severe frosts; showy in beds, and fine for cutting. *G. grandiflora* is a hardy perennial, but blooms freely the first season.

Mr. Park:—I want to tell you of my success with your *Gaillardias*. The bed was a most dazzling corner in my flower garden. The flowers are always so bright and showy, and of so many harmonious colors.—Mrs. Jones, Calif., Nov. 9, 1914.

Gilia, lovely little annuals, freely in clusters all season. White, blue, rose, violet, separate or mixed.

Glacium, Burbank and mixed, a foot high, with pretty foliage and large showy red-blotched fls.

Godetia, superb bedding annuals, the flowers large, often spotted and blotched and of the finest colors, as white, rose, carmine, single and double. Mixed.

Helianthus, Sunflower, new large-flowered Red, also Double Green-centered, Fistulosa, Arboreus giganteus, Uniflorus and Dwarf Variegated. Separate or mixed.

Helianthus, Sunflower, small-flowered, Cucumerifolius, Argophyllus, Diadem, Stella, and New Red and shaded. Separate or mixed.

Hibiscus, New Sunset, 6 feet tall, with big Hollyhock-like golden flowers with dark eye. I also have *H. Trionum*, *H. Mehanli*, mixed, and *H. Moscheutos*.

Hebeustreitia, new African Mignonette, a pretty, free-blooming hardy annual; flowers white, in spikes, scented.

Ice Plant, an odd, icy plant for pots or beds; also mixed varieties of *Mesembryanthemum*.

Jonopsidium Acaule, Diamond flower, a pretty creeping annual for carpeting the soil in pots.

Kochia Scoparia, Summer Cypress, an elegant fine-foliage annual, turning crimson in autumn.

Kaulfussia, 1 foot high, bearing blue, rose and violet flowers; mixed.

Kenilworth Ivy, a handsome trailing perennial for carpeting shady ground or for bracket pots or baskets; grows well in dense shade.

Lavandula vera, the well-known Lavender; deliciously scented foliage; hardy.

Lavatera trimestris, "Dwarf Hollyhock," two feet high, branching, and covered all autumn with showy white and rose flowers; makes a fine bed or hedge; mixed.

Leptosiphon, very profuse blooming, low, dense annuals, exquisite for beds or border; yellow, rose, carmine, white, scarlet, separate or mixed.

Impatiens, new African Balsams, beautiful ever-blooming plants for beds or pots; bloom freely all the season outdoors, and unsurpassed for winter-blooming in the window; flowers white, rose, purple, scarlet, salmon, crimson, striped, eyed, etc.; separate or mixed.

Linum grandiflorum, Scarlet Flax, a very attractive annual; one foot high, masses of waving bloom; rose and red, mxd.

Lupinus, annuals of great beauty, blooming in spikes all summer; flowers Pealike, white, blue, violet, scarlet, mixed.

Linaria, annuals of the easiest culture, bearing terminal clusters of white, violet, purple, yellow and striped Snapdragon-like flowers; charming. Mixed.

Lychnis Chalcodonica, a foot high, bearing heads of rich scarlet and white flowers; blooms first year, and for several years after. Mixed.

Lychnis Haageana, seven inches; flowers very large, rich vermilion and other colors, mixed. Also I offer a mixture of many sorts.

Lobelia Hamburgia, a n exquisite plant for hanging baskets and pots; flowers blue with white eye. Also *L. Speciosa* and *Barnard's Perpetua*, fine for baskets.

Lobelia compacta, Snowball, becoming a ball of white bloom, and *L. pumila* splendens, rich blue, good for edgings and pots,

Marigold French, double, tall, all colors, finest mixed. French, double, dwarf, all colors, mixed.

French Lilliput, small-flowered, mixed. French single, all colors, finest mixed.

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Marigold, (continued).

Signata pumila, dwarf, bushy, becoming a golden mass of bloom.

Malva *crispa*, often 10 feet high, one erect stalk, clothed with fringed leaves and retaining its beauty till snow flies.

Malope *grandiflora*, hardy, one foot, showy rose, red and white blooms.

Martynia *Fragrans*, crimson, Gloxinia-like bloom upon a strong, spreading plant 2 feet high.

Proboscidea, lavender, spotted flowers, succeeded by claw-like pods that are used for pickles when young.

Matricaria *Capensis* fl. pl., double pure white. Feverfew; free-blooming, splendid.

Golden Ball, double; a mass of golden buttons. Silver Ball, double, a globular mass of white bloom.

All sorts, double, Mixed. *Matthiola*, Evening Stock, *Bicornis* and *Tricuspidata*, not showy, but the flowers deliciously sweet-scented.

Moluccella, Shell Flower, 2 ft. bell-flower, mixed.

Mimulus, Monkey Flower, exquisite large spotted flowers in profusion; single and double mixed.

Musk Plant, golden, musk-scented, fine.



Mignonette, Sweet, exquisitely scented spikes of bloom; yellow, red and white, finest mixed.

Mirabilis, Four-o'clock, tall, white, yellow, crimson, lilac, violet, tricolor, etc., separate or mixed.

Dwarf, variegated-leaved sorts, in all colors, separate or mixed.

Myosotis, Forget-me-not, charming little flower, blue, white, rose, in clusters; mixed.

Nemesia, new *Strumosa*, beautiful varieties, carmine, scarlet, cream, orange, spotted, mixed.

Nemophila, beautiful hardy annuals, the bright flowers white, blue and variegated, blooming freely all summer; mixed.

Nicotiana *affinis*, white, two feet tall, free and continuous-blooming, deliciously sweet-scented in the evening, and quite showy. *Sanderæ*, a new, very beautiful sort, fine for beds or pots, flowers of many rich colors, and open in day-time. Mixed.

Nieandra *Physaloides*, Shoefly plant.

Nierembergia, *Frutescens* and *Gracilis*, fine for pots; very free-blooming;

Nigella, Love-in-a-Mist, blue and white, double; Miss Jekyll, rich blue, double; all mixed.

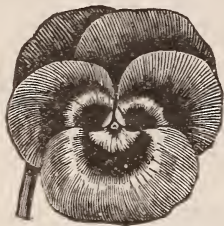
Nolana, trailing annuals, fine for baskets; flowers bell-shape, white, blue, violet, mixed.

Nycteria, dwarf, tufted annuals; flowers clustered, very fragrant; mixed.

Obeliscaria, drooping, blotched golden rays, cone center.

Enothera, Evening Primrose, lovely cup-shaped fragrant flowers; very showy; mixed.

Oxalis, pretty edging and basket plants; pink, rose, white, mixed.



Pansy, Roemer's Giant, a grand strain of German Pansies, immense in size, rich colors, profusion of bloom and sturdy, free growth. Mixed.

Pansy, Orchid-flowering, charming varieties in form and chaste colors; beautiful; mixed.

Pansy, Brown's Giant, a very superior American strain; mammoth flowers, exquisite in color and variegation; mixed.

Petunia, Park's Mammoth, single and double, finest strain, all varieties, mixed. I can also supply the Plain and Fringed and Double separately.

Petunia, New Magnifica, the finest dwarf bedding sorts, very free-blooming, and make a gorgeous bed of the finest colors and variegations; mixed.

Petunia, Medium-flowered Double, mixed colors, splendid varieties, easily grown; mixed.

Phlox *Drummondii*, large-flowered sorts in finest mixture; splendid for beds, blooming all summer.

Hortensiaeflora mixed; *Cuspidate* and *Fringed*, mixed; *Semidouble*, mixed; and Dwarf Compact, mixed. See Park's Floral Guide.

Poppy, annual, Park's Giant Carnation-flowered, a splendid race, three feet high, bearing huge, feathery, globular flowers, of a wonderful variety of colors and variegations. Mxd. *Pæony*-flowered, very large, beautiful, double flowers of many rich colors; mixed.

Cardinal Poppy, 18 inches; elegant fringed flowers; finest mixed colors.

Poppy, Shirley, exquisite single flowers in the finest colors, with yellow stamens. Mixed. I also have New Dwarf Shirley, mixed.

Polygonum *Orientalis*, 6 feet high, tree-like; flowers tall-like, drooping, white and carmine, mixed. I can also supply dwarf mixed.

Portulaca, Flowering Moss, low, succulent plants; like sunshine, and are a gorgeous sheet of bloom in summer; white, rose, carmine, scarlet, yellow, salmon, blotched, striped, single mixed, also double mixed.

Ricinus, Castor Oil Bean, tall, beautiful ornamental-leaved plants, elegant for a bed or screen. *Arboreus*, 15 feet; *Gibsoni*, red, 5 feet; *Sanguineus*, 8 feet; *Zanzibariensis* mixed, 6 feet; all kinds mixed.

Rudbeckia, splendid hardy perennials blooming first season; fall-blooming; glorious in a bed. *Newmanii*, yellow, 2 feet; *Sullivanti*, golden, 3 feet; *Bicolor*, semiplena, yellow, 2 feet; all kinds mixed. Also *Purpurea*, purplish crimson, fine.

Salvia *Splendens*, ever-blooming plants easily grown from seeds; dazzling scarlet, very showy, unsurpassed for beds or pots. *Grandiflora*, large, scarlet; *Giant Scarlet*, four feet; *Zurich*, *Bonfire*, 2 feet, mixed.

Salvia *Coccinea* nana compacta, a fine sort for pots, rich scarlet, free-blooming and handsome. *Patens*, blue; *Scalaria*, flesh; *Azurea* *grandiflora*, azure; mixed; *Roemeriana*, red; mixed.

Salpiglossis, New Emperor, elegant *Petunia*-like flowers upon erect, branching plants; very rich colored, yellow, rose, blue, violet, all pencilled; finest strain; separate or mixed. Also new dwarf, mxd.

Scabiosa, Mourning Bride, a fine annual 3 feet high; flowers double, from white to red and blue and black, borne on long stems all season, showy in the garden and fine for cutting. Separate or mixed. I can also supply dwarf, 1 foot high, fine for window pots or beds. Mixed.

Senecio *elegans*, beautiful bedding annuals, double, free-blooming, 9 inches high; white, rose, blue, yellow, violet, etc. Mixed.

Santitalia *procumbens* fl. pl., creeping; flowers double, golden yellow, produced all season.

Saponaria *calabrica*, very pretty, profuse-blooming, bright flowered annuals; mixed colors.



Schizanthus, new large-flowered hybrids; elegant varieties; two feet high, bushy, covered with lovely fairy-like flowers of various colors; splendid. Mixed. Also *Wisetonensis* excelsior, the improved beautiful new Butterfly Flower for pots. Mixed.

Solanum, easily grown flowering and fruiting plants; *Giganteum*, 6 feet, sub-tropical; *Ciliatum*, orange fruits; *Laciniatum*, violet, fruits yellow; *Melongena*, big fruits of various colors, as scarlet, striped, red, black, etc. All sorts mixed.

Silene *pendula*, finest dwarf, double-flowered sorts; appear like cushions of exquisite bloom; fine for edging and beds. Mxd.

Sedum *cœruleum*, stone crop, very pretty.

Sphenogyne *speciosa*, Daisy-like flowers in fine yellow shades; free-blooming, fine for beds.

Ten Weeks Stocks, almost perfect annuals; easily grown, free- and continuous-blooming, fine in texture, rich in color, deliciously scented, double as a Rose, and borne in spikes. Everybody should grow them. New Mammoth, 3 feet, mixed; Dwarf German, 1 foot, mixed; Giant of Nice, 2 feet, mxd.; Dwarf Bouquet, 1 foot, mixed; Giant Perfection, 2 feet, mixed. All varieties mixed. For others see Park's Floral Guide, p. 35.

Tropæolum, T. Thumb, 9 inches high, very showy, beautiful *Nasturtium*, excellent for beds and for pots and for cutting. Yellow, crimson, scarlet, orange, blotched, rose, cœruleus, etc. Separate or mixed. I can also supply T. Lilliput, the new miniature-flowered *Nasturtium* in leading colors and mixed.



Verbena, Large-flowered. Fragrant. These start readily from seeds, soon begin to bloom, and are showy till after frost. The many-colored flowers in clusters are fragrant and beautiful; fine for beds and pots. Choice hybrids mixed; Mammoth mixed; Compact mixed; all sorts mixed.

Virginia Stock, very free-blooming annuals for beds or pots; grow in masses; white, rose, carmine, mxd.

Valerian, fragrant, 2 feet high; lovely little flowers, white, rose, scarlet, in clusters; called Garden Heliotrope.

Ventidium *calendulaeum*, a splendid low annual for beds or borders; flowers large, Daisy-like, rich golden yellow, freely borne all season.

Vined *rosea*, a foot high; glossy green foliage and clusters of Phlox-like flowers; fine for beds and pots; good winter bloomer; white, white with eye, rose, mixed.

Viscaria *oculata*, showy annuals for growing in masses; white, blue, rose, crimson, spotted, mixed.

Viola, Tufted Pansy, very beautiful, fragrant flowers for beds; endure sun better than Pansies, and bloom as freely; white, yellow, blue, mauve, azure, spotted and blotched, mxd.

Wallflower, Parisian, a charming sort blooming in four or five months after sowing; hardy, and will bloom the next season; yellow, cream, brown, blood-red, mixed.

Whitflora, lovely annuals a foot high; bell-shaped, free-blooming; white, blue, mixed.

Zinnia, Finest Improved Double, Mammoth, 4 feet high, huge double flowers of many colors mixed; Bedding Zinnias, very free-blooming, double, everblooming, fine for beds; Miniature, small double flowers, mixed colors; Benary's Striped; Crispa, with curled petals, like a Japan Aster, mixed; Lilliput, small double flowers, fine for cutting. Mixed; all sorts mixed.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

These are fine in beds, and very useful for bouquets, green or dry. All are easily grown. I have all the leading sorts.

Agrostis nebulosa, Pulchella; *Avena*, Animated Oat; *Brachypodium*; *Briza Maxima*, Minima, *Genuculata*; *Brizopyrum*; *Bromus brizaeformis*; *Chloropsis*; *Euchlaena luxurians*; *Hordeum*, Job's Tears, *Lagurus* or Hare's Tail, *Melica*, *Panicum altissimum*, *Virgatum*, *sulcatum* and *plicatum*, *Stipa* or Feather Grass, *Tricholena*, *Erianthus Ravenna*, *Gynerium argenteum*, *Zea Japonica gigantea* quadricolor or Striped Corn, *Zizania aquatica*, etc.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS.

Cut and dried these are fine for winter bouquets, as they retain their color and form. They are easily grown from seeds.

Acroclintum, double, rose, white, mixed; *Ammobium alatum*, white; *Gomphrena* or German Clover, white, yellow, flesh, variegated, carmine, mixed; *Gypsophila*, small rose and white flowers, mixed; *Heliptherum*, golden clusters; *Helichrysium*, Strawflower, white, rose, crimson, scarlet, yellow, salmon purple, tall or dwarf, double, mixed; *Gnaphalium*, Edelweis, white; *Rhodanthe*, white, rose, crimson, mixed; *Statice Suworowi*, *Latifolia*, *Superba*, mixed; *Waitzia*, yellow; *Xeranthemum*, double, white, rose, purple, mixed. See Park's Floral Guide for full descriptions. Sent free.

ORNAMENTAL CLIMBERS.

These clothe and beautify walls, fences and unsightly buildings, and are needed to make a house cozy and home-like. Always get seeds of some of these.

Cardiospermum, Balloon Vine, grows eight feet **Bryonopsis laciniosa**, Morning Glory, Japanese.

I make a specialty of these superb vines, and can supply all the fine varieties, separate or mixed. See Park's Floral Guide. Free.

Cobaea Scandens, one of the best vines; grows 30 feet; bronzy stems and large, drooping purple bells freely produced all season; fine for shading a porch or wall, or house.

Canary Creeper, 15 feet high, a sort of *Nasturtium*.

Cypress Vine, 8 feet high; **Convolvulus**, Morning Glory, the old-fashioned.

Gourds and Cucumbers.

These are fine for covering unsightly buildings or fences or trees, and some of the more delicate may be used to drape the porch. *Cucumis flexuosus* is Snake Cucumber; *Cyclanthera* explodens and pedata are tall, fine climbers; *Echinocystis lobata* is the Wild Cucumber; *Lagenaria vulgaris* is Dipper Gourd; also *Hercules Club*, Dish, Sugar Trough, Egg, Cannon Ball, and Pipe Gourd.

Gourd, Apple, Lemon, Gooseberry; striped, Pear, green-ringed, red-striped; Luffa, the Dish-rag Gourd; Momordica, Balsam Apple and Balsam Pear; *Tricosanthos* or Snake Gourd; Hundred-weight, mixed colors; Small Fancy Gourds, for children's toys; also all kinds mixed. Any of these separate, or all in mixture.

Humulus Variegata, Japan Hop, a free-growing, beautiful foliage climber; 20 feet, panicles of bloom.

Ipomoea Coccinea, the small, scarlet and white Morning Glory; rapid climber; flowers open all day. Also *Limbata*, rich blue, edged white; *Leari*; *Viola vera*. All mixed.

Lophospermum scandens, a fine blooming vine.

Moon Vine, the white, large-flowered sort; also the small, rose-flowered or Evening Glory. Mixed.

Maurandya, 10 feet; dense, rich foliage, thickly set in autumn with hanging bells of rose, white and purple vine; mixed.

Scarlet Runner, a fast-growing, handsome vine.

Sweet Pea, Improved Large-flowered. I supply the finest mixtures of named Sweet Peas, all large-flowered, improved. There are no finer mixtures, as I have an immense collection of the finest varieties. I supply mixtures of white, red, pink, light blue, dark blue, shaded and margined, yellow and salmon, red-striped, blue-striped. Cupid sorts, at 5 cts. each mixture, or the ten mixtures for 25 cts. Also, Complete Special Mixture 1-4 lb. 25c, oz. 10c. pkt. 5c.

Tropeolum, Giant Climbing, vigorous in growth, bearing large, bright flowers, white, yellow, orange, rose, scarlet, crimson, brown, bronze, blotched, separate or mixed.

Tropeolum, Lobbs Climbing, very free-blooming, rich colored varieties of great beauty; finest mixture, oz. 15 cts.

Thunbergia alata, free-blooming and beautiful; 8 feet high, a mass of handsome foliage and rich-colored blooms. Mixed.

BIENNIALS and PERENNIALS.

These are the "poor man's flowers," for when once established in the garden they will take care of themselves, and bloom freely every year. The plants are easily grown from seeds.

Achillea, Pearl, white; flupendula, yellow; millifolium roseum, rose; mxd.

Aconitum, Monkshood, finest varieties, mixed.

Adenophora, Campanula-like, handsome, mixed.

Adumia cirrhosa, lovely biennial vine; 15 feet high; exquisite foliage; clusters of waxy pink flowers; does well in shade.



Arabis alpina, a charming early spring flower; clusters of pure white flowers; long bloomers.

Aubrietia, trailing, carpeting the ground in spring with lovely violet or blue flowers. Mixed.

Agrostemma coronaria, two feet; mixed.

Alyssum, Gold Dust; golden clusters upon dwarf, compact plants.

Anchusa, Dropmore and others, mixed.

Aster, Perennial, Large-flowered; mixed.

Campanula, Canterbury Bell, 2 feet high, branching, and showing a mass of big, lovely bells, single or double; blue, white, rose, striped; mixed. Also *Calycanthemum* sorts mxd.

Campanula Pyramidalis, Turbinata, *Persicifolia*, *Carpathica*, *Glomerata*, *Rotundifolia*, etc., separate or mixed.

Carnation, Improved Garden, Double, mixed.

Coreopsis, splendid, golden flowers; fine to cut.

Chrysanthemum, New Single-flowered, mixed.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From North Carolina.—Mr. Park: Two years ago I raised a Zinnia plant from a packet of mixed seeds, and the flowers were large and double, bright yellow when first open, turning gradually darker until they were an orange color. I saved all the seeds that ripened



SUNFLOWERS.

and sowed them last spring, and of the seedlings as many were single as double, and one was a deep pink. I do not see how this could be, as all were seedlings of the same plant. The first Zinnia was the only plant of its kind in the bed, nor were there any other Zinnias near.

I had some fine Sunflowers last summer. The tallest measured 14½ feet. I had some lovely Asters, pure pink in color, and real pretty, but some sort of black bugs ate all the petals off. A friend gave me some Cosmos plants last spring. I set most of them out in rows next to the house. The soil there was poorer than in some other parts of the yard. I gave Mamma the plants left over. She set them

out in a bed with some other flowers. The soil there was rich, and I never saw flowers grow like they did. One of the stalks grew 8 feet 5 inches tall, and had over 30 branches. They bloomed in October and were just lovely. Mine did not do much good. I take the Floral Magazine and like it very much, but do not agree with the editor about cats. I have a large tabby cat, very intelligent, but does not catch birds. One morning last summer I heard some Wrens scolding in a Cedar tree near the house. I went to investigate and found Geoffrey, my cat, asleep on a rock near the tree. He was not molesting the birds in any way. Last spring a pair of Wrens built in a shed adjoining the house, but neither of our cats—we have two—molested them.

Caraway, N. C.

Ruth Miller.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park: We live on a farm of about 200 acres. My father is a merchant and has the farm rented out. I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade. We have hogs, horses, cows, chickens and ducks, but my favorite is my pet dog named Uno. My mamma takes your Magazine and we like it fine, and I like to read the Children's Corner. Christine Gist is my chum.

Santuck, S. C., Apr. 12, 1916. Edmonia Jeter.

Dear Mr. Park: I am a country girl 12 years old and live on a farm of 215 acres. We just moved to the farm the 3d of April, and I like it just fine. I am a lover of flowers. I like Pansies, Roses and Sweet Peas the best of all. Letters exchanged.

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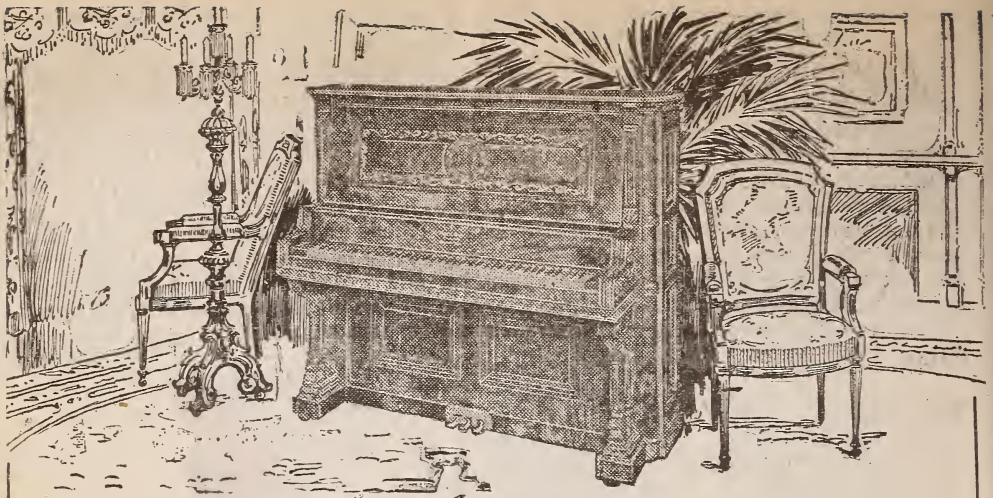
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MONTH OF MAY.

Merry May, O stay, I pray!
Take my hand and let us stray
O'er thy great and grand domain.
Lead me where the brook's refrain
Lulls to rest and sweet repose;
Where the nodding Violet blows,
Where the moss-clad, cool inclines
Harbor Ferns and Columbines;
Through thy groves of pink and white,
Sweet perfume and rare delight,
Merry May, O let us stray!
Take my hand and roam today.

Topeka, Kan.

Gussie Morrow Gage.

PETUNIA.

THERE IS probably no flower grown from seeds that is more serviceable for the amateur florist than the Petunia. The plants come into bloom quickly, bloom profusely and continuously, and show flowers until after severe frosts. The flowers are large and attractive, of delicate texture, varied in color from white to velvety crimson-purple, some being richly variegated, and in form are large and small, plain and fringed, single and double, and all deliciously scented. The plants will grow in either sandy or tenacious soil, in wet or dry weather, but need an open, sunny situation. They will bear neglect that would kill many other plants, while, at the same time, they will grow and bloom satisfactorily. They are excellent as bedding plants.

For a bed on the lawn, or for the front of a border, the compact single-flowered varieties are preferable. The flowers, being of ordinary size, do not exhaust

the plants, and are produced more abundantly than the large plain and fringed sorts. They even surpass the double-flowered Petunias in freedom of bloom, and are exceedingly showy. The plants should stand 15 inches apart in the bed, and will soon cover the ground with a mass of dark-green foliage, above which the many flowers appear as a brilliant setting.

The tall or spreading Petunias may be used as trellis plants, to form a low hedge or screen. They bloom profusely when grown in this way, and are greatly admired. They are also very effective when planted in porch boxes or in vases, as the branches will droop gracefully over the margin, and be covered with buds and flowers.

Many persons are fond of the double-flowered Petunias, and for pots during summer they are truly beautiful. Trained upon a support, the growth and bloom are admirable, as the air and sunshine develop the foliage and flowers to perfection. The small-flowered double Petunias (see engraving) are more compact and free-blooming than the large-flowered ones, but are not so desirable for trellis plants. All, however, are exquisite in form, color and fragrance, and never fail to give satisfaction and pleasure to those who grow them.



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Dahlias from Cuttings.—The time to propagate Dahlias from cuttings is just when the sprouts have attained the height of two or three inches from the ground. Cut them at the surface, or where they are solid through, not pithy, and insert in sand under glass.

Abutilon Blight.—When Abutilon plants are troubled with blight remove and burn all the affected leaves and cut the plant back to promote a vigorous new growth. Some lime and sulphur stirred into the surface soil will prove beneficial.

Calyx-Splitting.—When a Carnation develops too freely the calyx is liable to split, thus causing the flowers to appear deformed. The best remedy is to slip a rubber band over the calyx just before the flower develops, or bind it with a green thread. The latter is almost invisible, and is an effectual and inexpensive device for overcoming calyx-splitting in Carnation flowers.

Primroses.—These thrive in an east window where they get the morning sun, and in a cool, rather moist atmosphere, say from 50 degrees at night to 65 degrees in daytime. Avoid extreme heat, full exposure to sun and a dry atmosphere. Water the plants in the mornings. If brown leaves appear remove them promptly and burn them, then stir some lime into the surface soil.

Momordica Balsamina.—This is a handsome vine of the Gourd family, growing freely, and very desirable as a trellis vine. The foliage is pretty, and the fruits which ripen in autumn are the size of a hickory-nut and of showy red and yellow colors pleasingly contrasted. It is often called Balsam Apple. It is an annual of easy culture, and deserves to be better known.

Flea Beetle.—The remedy mostly recommended for this pest is wood-soot. It sometimes attacks Candytuft, Nasturtium and Wall-flower. Where soot cannot be obtained spray the plants with lime-sulphur solution, using one part solution to 15 parts water, and adding to the material arsenate of lead in the proportion of one ounce arsenate to two gallons of the liquid.

SPRAYING ROSES.

THERE are so many enemies of the Rose that it is almost impossible to grow satisfactory plants and flowers without spraying. The old-fashioned barrel and piston copper spray-pump is still unsurpassed for doing the work, and as a spraying material the lime-sulphur solution, one part to 15 parts water, to which is added an ounce of arsenate of lead to each gallon of material, will be found effectual in eradicating nearly all of the Rose enemies. The first spraying should be done just before the leaves begin to develop, and after that the work should be repeated every two weeks until the plants are in bloom. During late summer and autumn spray once a month. The treatment suggested will be found an effectual remedy for aphids, leaf-hopper, thrips, carpenter-bee, red spider, mealy bug, flea beetle, slugs, etc., while it will prevent mildew, black spot and other fungus diseases.

Care of Begonias.—Begonias should have a sandy, porous soil, enriched with well-rotted manure or bonedust, and should have good drainage. They thrive in a window with an eastern exposure in summer, and a southern exposure in winter. The temperature should be moist, and range from 50 degrees to 70 degrees, the former being the night temperature and the latter the day temperature. When bedded out have the bed at the east side of the building, where it will be protected from the hot afternoon sun and the winds. Water only when the soil becomes very dry. Tuberous Begonias require the same general treatment, but in potting or bedding avoid covering the crown of the tubers, unless you can cover them with pure, clean sand. Common tenacious soil is very liable to cause decay.

Jasmine Primulinum.—This Jasmine needs a sandy, porous soil, and should be allowed to become root-bound and given a sunny situation, in order to bloom freely. If a fertilizer is necessary work some bonedust into the surface soil. In a tenacious, rich soil, with plenty of root room and with partial shade, the plants will grow vigorously, but will often fail to bloom.

Soil for Roses.—For the summer-blooming, Moss and Hybrid-perpetual Roses a tenacious loam is suitable, and will develop robust plants and handsome flowers. For Hybrid Tea, Tea, China, Noisette, and in fact all of the so-called ever-blooming Roses, a sandy, porous soil is preferable. Roses subject to mildew should have an open situation, well exposed to the sun and air.

Narcissus Blighting.—When buds of Narcissus blight reset the bulbs in a new bed where some fresh-burned lime has been incorporated, setting them four inches deep. If the disease is not overcome in this way lift and burn the bulbs and get a supply of healthy ones, setting them in a bed some distance from where the diseased bulbs were grown.

A CHARMING RURAL HOME.

AS A RULE, more than half of a man's life, and a still greater proportion of a woman's life, is spent in the home, and it is all-important that the building should be handsome, convenient and pleasing, and the surroundings attractively adorned with trees, shrubs and plants in such a manner as to be in harmony and keeping with the tasteful architecture. The good effect produced by a pretty external appearance has a cheering influence upon those who claim and enjoy the home privileges, and contentment and happiness are thus promoted.

The pretty home shown in the engraving is that of Mrs. LaPurre, of Brookfield, Mo. It is a neat and roomy edifice, set well back from

In ornamenting the grounds of a home there is an opportunity for the gardener to display his good taste by judicious arrangement of appropriate and pleasing trees, shrubs, vines and plants. The work is interesting, and calls for the exercise of the eye and mind wherever in nature a pleasing scene appears, or where artificial planting produces an effect that appeals to the æsthetic taste. The study of cause and effect in selecting, arranging and planting, or where nature has produced a pleasing scene, is thus not only enjoyment in itself, but enables the one interested so to arrange and plant that the result is pleasing, harmonious and beautiful.

Propagating Pinks.—Clove Pinks, Japan Pinks, and most other garden Pinks are



AN ATTRACTIVE RURAL HOME.

the elegantly shaded sidewalk, and the grounds are not over-planted in front, a mistake that is often made. By this means there is room to improve by subsequent planting, at times when various shrubs and flowers specially appeal to the taste. A few pretty dwarf shrubs, such as *Berberis Thunbergii* and *Spirea Anthony Waterer*, set in the corners at the entrance, and made bright throughout the season with some ever-blooming, hardy perennials would prevent treading of the grass by persons entering by a near-cut, and at the same time would add to the appearance. At the left end, where the ground slopes back, a border of such strong-growing shrubs as *Lilac*, *Forsythia viridissima*, *Philadelphus grandiflorus* and *Deutzia crenata* could be planted near the building to advantage, or if shady the hardy *Hydrangeas* (*Arborescens grandiflora* and *paniculata*) could be used.

generally propagated from seeds. They may, however, be started from cuttings of young shoots taken at a joint near the ground, and placed in moist sand in a shady place, a tumbler or glass being placed over to prevent the drying action of the air until the cuttings are rooted. They may also be propagated by layers.

Easter Lily after Blooming.—

When an Easter Lily is through blooming continue watering it till the foliage fades, then let it dry off, and set the pot in a cool place in the cellar until next autumn, when it should be repotted. If the bulb has not split into several small bulbs it may bloom again. If not intact, however, each bulb must be grown on for several years, until it attains blooming size. It is generally better to buy new bulbs for potting than to depend upon the old ones.

FERN SPORES.

THE BOSTON and various other Ferns develop their seed spores upon the under side of the fronds. These appear regularly or according to a system, and should not be mistaken for an insect, which appears irregularly upon the surface and without any method. An inquirer speaks of Fern-lice, and it is probable that these Fern spores, which are a natural product of the fronds, are referred to. Occasionally the fronds of a Fern are attacked by a scale insect, which appears promiscuously upon the under side of the leaves and upon the stems. This scale is readily distinguished from the Fern spores, being different in form and in the manner in which they are disposed. There is no remedy against the appearance of the Fern spores, but when a Fern is attacked by scale, an application of the lime-sulphur solution in the proportion of seven parts solution to 100 parts water may be applied. If the fronds are badly infested, however, they should be cut off at the ground, and new, healthy fronds encouraged to develop.

Cypripedium Spectabilis.—One of the handsomest of the wild flowers found in Michigan, Wisconsin and other northern States is the showy Orchid, *Cypripedium spectabilis*. It grows a foot or 15 inches tall, forms a clump, and throws up several leafy stems, each having one or more flowers (see engraving). It prefers



a rather cool, partial shade, and a sandy, black loam. The flowers are exquisite pink and white, delicate in texture, large, and freely produced. In a favorable situation it is perfectly hardy, and it can be readily removed and established in the garden if the conditions there are suitable for its growth.

Gloxinia Tubers Rotting.—When grown in tenacious, poorly drained soil and watered freely Gloxinia tubers are liable to rot. Also when the tubers are covered with soil. In potting let the crown protrude above the surface, and use a sandy, porous, well-drained compost. Keep the soil moist. Avoid covering the tubers with tenacious loam; if covering is necessary use coarse sand.

CIMICIFUGA RACEMOSA.

BELONGING to the Ranunculaceæ or Crowfoot family is the pretty wildling here illustrated, *Cimicifuga racemosa*, often called Black Snakeroot and Black Cohosh. The plant is a hardy perennial mostly found in woods of a rocky nature, where it grows to the height of from five to eight feet, having branches more or less, each branch during August bearing at its summit a long, narrow, plumey spike of cream-tinted white flowers. The plants are generally found in colonies, and when in bloom make a fine display. They remain in bloom for many days, and a group in bloom is admirable.



They are easily transplanted, and when once established will retain their place for years, improving in vigor and beauty as they increase in age. They will grow well in any good garden soil where they are somewhat shaded at midday.

The flowers are succeeded by showy seed vessels that are veritable rattle-boxes when they dry, and are retained upon the stiff, upright stems throughout the winter. They are thus picturesque in appearance in winter, when, like stately soldiers, they stand erect above the flaky white snow.

Vittadenia Triloba.—This charming hardy perennial is adapted for the rocky and for edgings. It likes a rather dry, sandy soil, and blooms continuously during summer and autumn, the plants being of slender, trailing habit, as represented in the little engraving, and the flowers daisy-like and of an exquisite rose color. The plants are easily grown from seeds, and in well-drained, sandy soil will take care of themselves. It is sometimes known as *Erigeron mucronatus*.



STARTING SMALL SEEDS.

FILL A POT until within a half-inch of the top with sandy woods earth, then sift some of the soil over the surface and press firm and level. This done press shallow rows with the edge of a smooth piece of board, and sow the seeds in these rows, allowing them to remain uncovered. Now moisten the soil by setting the pot in a saucer of water. The water will enter through the drainage hole and pores, and will not interfere with the seeds. When water is applied to the surface the seeds are often washed deep in the soil, and the tiny plants are not able to come up. Cover the pot with a pane of glass and keep it in a moderately warm, dark place until germination takes place. Examine the pot every day to see how the seeds are doing. Keep moist but not wet. Never

TUBEROSES NOT BLOOMING.

WHEN TUBEROSES of blooming size fail to bloom it is either because the bulbs were not sufficiently ripened, or the flower germ, which is very tender, was injured by dampness or cold, or both. In setting the bulbs see that the soil is sandy, well-drained, warm, and the bed in a sunny place. Remove the offsets and plant the large bulb four or five inches deep. It should have a sound sprout coming. If the center is black or decayed it will not bloom. To have sound bulbs lift the bulbs before severe frosts come, dry them well in a frost-proof room, and store in layers of cotton, keeping the box in a dry, dark, warm closet. If you wish early plants start the bulbs in sandy soil in the house, keeping the soil moist but not wet until growth be-



ORNAMENTAL GOURDS, PLATE I. (See page 89).

allow the soil to dry until the plants get well started. Some seeds require several days, some several weeks and some several months to germinate. Hardy Primroses will often lie dormant for a year before starting, and the same is true of *Viola odorata*, *Dictamnus fraxinella* and others. These, however, are mostly sown in a shady place, where the bed is not disturbed for a year.

Scale Insects.—These trouble Oranges, Oleanders and other pot shrubs, infesting the bark of the trunk and branches. To get rid of them brush the bark to dislodge the pest, and then sponge both the bark and the leaves with warm soapsuds to which has been added some kerosene, say about one tablespoonful of the oil to two gallons of the suds. After sponging as well as possible spray them with water. Three thorough treatments of this nature, at intervals of three or four days, will be effectual in clearing out the destructive insects.

gins, and do not set in the open ground until a week or two weeks after the Apple trees have shed their bloom. Then, as hot weather approaches, mulch the soil with stable litter. When in bloom shade them from the hot mid-day sun.

For Shade.—For a border at the north side of a building or wall plant such annuals as *Camellia*-flowered Balsam, *Impatiens* Sultan, *Impatiens* Balfouri, *Adonis* *Æstivalis*, *Myosotis palustris*, Pansy and *Viola cornuti*. Of hardy perennials plant *Aquilegia* in variety, *Arabis alpina*, *Aubrietia*, *Eupatorium ageratoides*, *Primula officinalis*, Sweet Rocket and *Tradescantia Virginica*. Cannas and *Calladiums* can also be used in such a situation. Of hardy shrubs plant *Hydrangea arborescens grandiflora* and *Hydrangea paniculata*. For vines use *Cobæa scandens*, *Adlumia cirrhosa* and Parlor Ivy. The last-named grows well in dense shade, and is a fine room vine.

GOURDS AS A SPECIALTY.

AS A CLASS, Gourds grown from seeds are very satisfactory and pleasing. The plants vary in vigor, foliage, flowers and fruits, and are useful for the adornment of old trees, fences, walls and unsightly buildings, while they are a most interesting study in all their parts. The fruits can also be utilized in various ways. It is not uncommon for gardeners, especially southern gardeners who enjoy the curious things in nature, to make a specialty of the culture of Gourds in many species and varieties, and one of these is Mr. Thos. E. Fayr, of Louisville, Ky. Mr. Fayr has kindly sent the editor photographs taken of his collection, some of which have been engraved and appear herewith. These will amuse and please the readers of the Magazine. In plate No. 1 (see page 89) you see the Gourd specialist right

for those who admire them for neglecting to have a collection, if there is room enough at hand to grow them. They are well adapted for decorating the backyard, and some of the more delicate may occupy a more prominent place. The seeds usually require about two weeks to germinate.

Petunia.—The Compact Petunia is excellent for a window plant in winter or a window box in summer. Start young plants from seeds in August for winter use, and in April for summer. The plants are also very desirable for beds, as they bloom freely and continuously until after severe frosts. It is well to discard old plants, though plants grown in the window in winter may be cut back severely in spring and bedded out. Young plants are always the most healthy, free-blooming, attractive and satisfactory.



ORNAMENTAL GOURDS, PLATE 2.

among the products of his labor, and what he doesn't know about Gourds is "hardly worth knowing," as he has been giving them his careful attention for a long time. Plate No. 2 shows a front view of the collection, and plate No. 3 is an enlarged side view. The note that came with the photographs reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Park :—Having given special attention to the culture of Gourds and been an enthusiastic reader of your Magazine for many years, I thought that you might like to see photographs of a part of my collection taken during the autumn. I wish I had one of all of them to send you, for they are very interesting to anyone who admires the various odd and beautiful things in nature. If I were a writer I could write a book on Gourds—their culture, their uses and the remarks of Gourd-lovers while the Gourds are growing on the vine, and also while adorning the room in my home in which my collection is kept.

Gourds are as easily grown from seeds as Squashes and Pumpkins, and the seeds are not expensive, the usual price being five cents per packet. There is, therefore, hardly an excuse

Hyacinths Blasting.—When Hyacinths, Tulips and Crocuses fail to develop their buds it is mostly because the bulbs are not well-rooted. These bulbs like a cool, moist soil to develop roots. In the far South they fail to bloom satisfactorily under ordinary treatment because of the warm temperature of the soil under exposure to the hot rays of the sun.

Roses and Shade.—Roses will live, and grow and bloom more or less where they get but two or three hours of direct morning sunlight, but should not be expected to thrive and bloom luxuriantly. Hiawatha and Lady Gay will do well in such a situation, but the vines should be trained upon a vine trellis, and be given as much ventilation as it is possible to secure for them. By giving careful attention to their planting and tending, the grower will get satisfactory returns for the labor bestowed.



ORNAMENTAL GOURDS, PLATE 3.

CHILDREN'S LETTER



MY DEAR CHILDREN:—As I look out from my window this bright May morning and take up my pen to write you, I am reminded of the picture and poetry on a page in one of my old school-books. The picture represented a tree white with bloom, and some children getting the fluffy clusters and enjoying themselves in play, while singing birds were sporting in the branches above. Below the picture was the little poem which began with these words:

It is May, it is May,
And all the earth is gay.

And as I see not far from my window a Cherry



tree appearing as a great pyramidal bouquet of white, and an early Apple tree covered with its charming pink clusters of buds and flowers; and as the soft, fragrant air wafts in at the open window, and the sweet melody of bird-song greets my ear the truth is confirmed of the picture and poetry that appealed to me in my early school days. Yes, school days! those care-free days when life was a round of pleasure—when I roamed the meadows and woods in search of wild flowers, fished along the shady, fern-lined stream, and played with schoolmates under the old Elm. Those were

Happy hours of childish glee,
Hours that never more can be.

But, dear children, we older people are but grown children, and our privileges and joys should be even greater and better than we had in the days of youth, if we have not allowed our minds to become warped and distorted by the trials and responsibilities that come to us

with the years. The joys of life are ours only when we know how to eliminate the unpleasant things that come in our way and appreciate the good. And always bear in mind that happiness comes to us from our efforts to make others happy rather than from seeking our own welfare. Selfish people are never happy, and as they grow older they become chronic grumblers, and are continually thinking of their own condition and complaining about, and finding fault with, others. Avoid contracting this habit in youthtime if you would enjoy life during the years of manhood and womanhood.

But there is something about the spring season that gives earth and sky a particular charm. The glorious resurrection of plants and flowers from their winter's sleep, the renewed freshness and glory of the landscape, the return of the birds from the southland, and the melody of sweet spring voices—all inspire hope and joy and confidence, and instill in us new life and energy and ambition. It is true that the pleasures of this season seem more intense and impressive than those of any other season, and we live them over in memory oftener. Thus they contribute more, perhaps, to our happiness than do the pleasures of any other season.

It's Daffodil time! and the very mention of Daffodils brings to our mind the golden sunshine of that flower, with the sweetness of the Apple bloom, the blue of the meadow Violet, and all the exquisite beauty that greets the eye and ear at this enchanting period.

My little friends, may you ever have the hope and courage that will bear you over the sad experiences of life, and may all your years be brightened with springtime joy and trust. Thus will you evade the embittering influences that engulf and ruin many lives, and on spring's return these doleful lines of Michael Bruce will not express your sentiments:

Now spring returns, but not to me returns
The vernal joy my better years have known;
Dim in my breast life's dying taper burns,
And all the joys of life with health are flown.

Better, far better, so to live and act that you will sing with Thomson:

Come, gentle Spring, ethereal mildness, come,
And from the bosom of your dropping cloud.
While music wakes around, veiled in a shower
Of shadowing roses, on our plains descend.

Life, dear children, is generally what we make it. Our happiness is largely due to contentment, to our wise actions, and to the resultant state of mind. It's an old saying: "Be virtuous and you'll be happy." But I will add, look on the bright side; appreciate and enjoy the privileges, the advantages, the comforts that are yours today; observe the condition of others who have fewer comforts and bear heavier burdens—think of the good, forget the evil. Thus a patient and grateful spirit will result in happiness for yourself throughout life, and act as "golden sunshine" on all those with whom you have to do. Sincerely yours,

LaPark, Pa., May 1, 1916. Geo. W. Park.

Cape Jasmine Blighting.—Work some fresh-slacked lime into surface soil (if tenacious and sour) to avoid liability of blight in Cape Jasmine buds.

**HIBISCUS SYRIACUS.**

ONE OF the few summer and autumn blooming shrubs, hardy, showy and beautiful, is *Hibiscus Syriacus*. The plants branch freely, and become dense and globular in form when grown alone in an open place, and from mid-summer until mid-autumn are covered with large, silky, Hollyhock-like flowers of various colors and variegations, some varieties showing double flowers, and others single. One variety has beautiful variegated foliage; another has pure white single flowers; others show white petals with a red blotch at the base; still others are red or scarlet or purple. The plants will grow ten feet high under favorable conditions. The foliage is neat and graceful, and clothes the strong, stubby branches densely throughout the season. No enemies trouble the plants, and when once set and growing they will last for many years, never failing to show an abundance of bloom every season. The flowers drop off as soon as they fade, so that they do not disfigure the plant.

Propagation is readily effected from either seeds or cuttings, and the plants are not difficult to transplant. Used as a hedge they are very desirable, as they make a dense growth and have a long season of bloom at a time when few other shrubs bear flowers. As a single specimen a plant never fails to attract attention and admiration. The flowers are succeeded by large, curious seed-vessels that remain during the winter, a reminder of the previous season's beauty. Considering the hardiness and attractiveness of this shrub, and the ease with which it can be established and grown, it seems strange that it is not more popular.

ASPEDISTRA.

THE ASPEDISTRA is not as well known in America as in foreign countries, and especially France. There it is grown extensively, and you will find it in every public place. It is grown more than the Palm, because it needs less attention. Give the Aspedistra good soil and water enough to keep its roots from drying up, and it will look bright and occasionally send up a new leaf.

Specimens have been kept for months where there was no direct sunlight, and still the coloring of the foliage would be as bright as if it had grown next to the glass.



Aspedistra Lurida.

The leaves of the Aspedistra are tough, leathery, and thick in texture, and for this reason they are able to withstand dust and dry air almost equal to the "prepared Palms."

Mrs. Anna G Snipe

Woolwich, Me., Feb. 9, 1916.

[Note.—Aspedistra lurida has green foliage, and A. lurida variegata has foliage striped with white. Both are graceful and elegant in appearance. These plants are almost hardy and a little frost will not affect them. They will also endure gas better than most other window plants. They are sold by the leaf, but a one-leaved plant soon stools out, if given plenty of root-room, and becomes a fine specimen with elegant arching leaves extending in different directions. The flowers are inconspicuous, and appear at the base of the plant. Unless looked for it may not be noticed.—Ed.]

Calirrhoe.—This is the prettiest flower in color that I have ever raised. It grows wild



herealong fences and in bottom fields, in great abundance, but my seeds came from an Iowa friend. It has a trailing habit like the Verbena, and a long bloom-

ing season. The flowers are saucer-shaped, resembling the Portulaca, and of the most lovely crimson or "Nell Rose" color, with pale center. It is well worth cultivating.

Carroll Co., Ark., Feb. 18, 1916. L. M. S.

[Note.—Calirrhoe involucreta is the trailing species, and C. pedata the upright one. The former is a hardy perennial that blooms continuously. The latter blooms well in autumn from spring-sown seeds, and is especially beautiful after frost.—Ed.]

Brachycome.—Last year I tried a packet of Brachycome, or Swan River Daisy. The plants made a rank growth due to the abundance of moisture in the late spring. They were a mass of color, some white, but most of them blue. The seeds should be sown late in the spring, so that the plants will not grow very much, and give a bed of solid color.

Hayward, Calif., Feb. 5, 1916. W. Freitas.

CRINUM KIRKI.

SEVERAL years ago I received a small bulb of Crinum Kirki, which grew well from the start. I knew nothing of how to grow it to get flowers, and so I kept it only for the fine pot plant it made, as every one who saw it admired it. It began right away to increase, so that before long I had a potful of bulbs, but no flowers. Then I began to look in Park's Magazine for hints about its culture. So, late one summer I took it out of the pot, parted all the small bulbs from the large bulb, and repotted it, and the following spring I bedded it out in full sunshine, and in August it sent up a stem that had nine lilies on it; and then it had three flowering stems in succession, every one bearing nine lilies. It certainly is a grand flower. I also have Milk and Wine Lily. It is fine, but it is so narrow-petaled that it does not make much of a show. It is, however, sure to bloom, as it never fails to throw up a scape of flowers every summer. It does not begin to compare with Kirki. I had so many small bulbs that I had bedded out that when fall came I did not know what to do with them, as I did not have pots enough for them, so I put them all in a large dishpan, and they are all growing fine. This summer I am going to bed them out again, and see if I cannot get them to blooming size sooner. I will exchange some for other plants or bulbs of equal value.

Kate Unverferth.

Perryville, Mo., Feb. 22, 1916.

An Appetizer for Geraniums.

I wonder how many of our flower-loving sisters know that if their potted plants do not flourish in their bedrooms, these same bedrooms are not good for human plants either? If your Geraniums do not thrive change your methods of ventilating and heating. A wonderful thing for Geraniums is nitrate of soda: but oh! be careful,—be careful in its use, or you'll kill your plants. One grain of it (you know it looks like coarse salt) to a two-gallon bucket of water, once a month, will help thrifty plants, and produce flowers, but any more will prove harmful. I love to see the plants with fifteen or twenty buds and blooms at the same time. There are few things more satisfactory than a stand of well-selected Geraniums. A. S. L.

Pauline, S. C., Feb. 5, 1916.

Clivia.—Some time ago I purchased a plant of Clivia miniata. It bloomed last summer for the first time, and I was both pleased and disappointed with my plant. When the big flower stalk showed I expected to see the gorgeous wide open Lilies like the ones I saw at a greenhouse. Instead, the plant developed a cluster of at least 20 flowers, looking for all the world like a bunch of firecrackers. The flowers were drooping and shaped like an enlarged flower of Cigar Plant (Cuphea). I think it is the variety called Clivia nobilis.

J. E. Baronowsky.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 21, 1916.

WHERE WAS LOVE?

A FEW YEARS ago a John—a real, live John—remarked to me: “If I had a wife that was pottering around* with house plants, I would throw them into the ditch (an irrigation ditch ran along in front of the house) and throw her after them.”

He is a man who sees no good in grass or



THAT “REAL, LIVE JOHN.”

flowers or grain except as a means to make money. Who can imagine a man so mean and stingy as to grudge his hard-worked farm-wife the necessary time it takes to care for a few flowers? Yet, perhaps, it is to let us see and fully appreciate the more the good and true Johns, who love and realize the true beauty and helpfulness of even the tiniest flower or blade of grass, or, in fact, every living and growing thing. There is a natural beauty in all things, and it only needs man's help to enhance their comeliness. Nature-lover.

Mohave Co., Ariz., March 9, 1916.

The Oregon Grape.—I wonder how many of the Magazine readers have ever seen our beautiful Oregon Grape? It greatly resembles Holly, the leaves being so glossy and keeping green all winter. Some of the leaves turn a beautiful deep red. The leaves when cut will keep for two weeks without drying. They would form a beautiful hedge, and the fruit makes a palatable jelly, with a flavor all its own. Anyone seeing the crisp, shining foliage and beautiful clusters of bright yellow flowers in early spring cannot help loving the plant.

Mrs. Robert P. Adams.

Ford, Wash., Feb. 16, 1916.

[Note.—The so-called Oregon Grape is a species of *Evergreen Berberis*, and is mostly known in botany as *Berberis aquifolium*. There are several evergreen species, and some botanists group them together under the generic name of *Mahonia*. They are hardy shrubs deserving of extended cultivation.—Ed.]

Perennial Peas.—A year ago last spring I planted a package of Perennial Peas, and raised ten plants. They did not blossom the first year, but did this summer. The plants grew seven feet high, and were very beautiful, with their large clusters of various colored flowers.

Mrs. Budwig.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 19, 1915.

Dasheen.—This plant looks like an Elephant's Ear, but does not require as much water. It is claimed that the tubers are good for food.

Geneva Wallace.

Greenback, Tenn., April 100, 1916.

EXCHANGES, AND PACKING PLANTS.

I READ the Oregon letter on this subject in April Park's tonight. It is true, in one way, but I feel sorry for the friend who had such poor luck. I feel I must, in justice, say a word from my own experience. Two years ago I had an exchange started, when sickness came, and I was obliged to go to the hospital every day for two weeks. The plants came every day, bundle after bundle, of every name and kind, from every State in the Union. I do not think I saved a third of them, for I could not take proper care. But such a collection of things floral as I had from what I did save! I fear I never repaid some who sent, and if this meets the eyes of any such, if they will write, I will endeavor to square myself. I am now having another exchange, and I find nearly every one most generous, and almost everything comes well packed. I couldn't find any fault. Of course one finds a few grafters, but the percentage is very small; and the charming, interesting, friendly letters are so entertaining. As one delighted exchanger said, “It is like a continual Christmas.” I never keep any account of postage, for I don't care to know. I do know I enjoy it all, and get my money's worth. I have had some of the loveliest fancy work sent me. As I do none of this you can believe I appreciate it. Should my stock give out before I get around, or grow too big to remove, I will make up all deficiencies in the fall. Long live the exchange, and three rousing cheers and a tiger for Mr. Park and the dear little Magazine!

Mrs. E. B. Murray.

Ballston Lake, N. Y., April 10, 1916.

Calendulas.—Last year my Calendulas or Pot Marigolds raised from seeds, were beautiful, showing several different shades. Some were light yellow with dark centers, some orange, some yellow with dark stripes, and some plain yellow, all very double. They were as pretty as *Chrysanthemums*. Long after the other flowers were killed by frost these Calendulas were in bloom. No person who wishes to raise pretty flowers can make a mistake in raising Calendulas. They should be in every garden.

Mrs. Mary M. Griffin.

Radcliff, O., March 6, 1916.

Cosmos.—Cosmos plants usually fall down unless staked. A good way is to let the plants grow up in a wire fence. They will need no other support. I have both late and early Cosmos. The blossoms of the late varieties are so much larger than the early ones that they are worth waiting for, and it takes a heavy frost to kill them.

Mrs. V. W. Smith.

Ridgway, Ill., Oct. 16, 1915.



ABOUT AMARYLLIS.

I HAVE A POT of Amaryllis, red, the blossoms opening about six to six and a half inches in diameter, which has bloomed all winter, having been in bloom when I brought it in last fall. Now, April 4th, it has two fine large blossoms and two stalks of buds, both stalks of the latter issuing from one bulb,

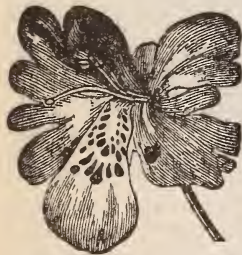


which has never before bloomed. I know this is unusual with Amaryllis, but this same pot of bulbs bloomed six times within the previous year, counting from autumn to autumn at proper time to bring in. I never pet or pamper them, but give them all the water they

seem to require both summer and winter, and sometimes use a little ammonia in watering them, and they pay in full for all their care. There are but five bulbs which have bloomed or budded thus far during this winter, and the two bud stalks, now about three inches high, make a total of 16 stalks to run up since about the last of September, 1915. I have many young seedling plants from it, and have one off-shoot bulb in a separate pot of young ones, only two years old, that also bloomed this winter. They have furnished cheer for many a sick room. Each petal has a green base running up to a point. Mrs. James A. Cox.

Licking Co., Ohio, Apr. 5, 1916.

Schizanthus.—I had a packet of Schizanthus, and what a mass of beautiful, delicate blooms! The plants literally blossomed themselves to death, and the foliage was very delicate and Fern-like and pretty, also. I gave my sister one plant, which she put out into the flower bed, and it bloomed just as profusely as mine did. I had only one color, and wonder if there are any



different colors. Mine was a brownish-purple and white. I shall surely try them again.

Mrs. Chas. A. Johnson.

Rochester, Vt., Oct. 11, 1915.

[Note.—In a bed of mixed Schizanthus several shades of color will appear, but it is unfortunate they are not brilliant, for the flowers are borne so profusely that they almost hide the plant. Schizanthus Wisetonensis excelsior is one of the best for pots, but the new hybrids of *S. grandiflorus* are almost as desirable, and are more easily grown, either in pots or beds. Three or four plants may be grown in a five-inch pot with fine effect, but do not unduly crowd the plants in a bed if you want the best result. They resent crowding.—Ed.]

FOR THE POPPY.

I WISH TO SAY a word in behalf of the Poppy. I once lived where the place had been occupied the previous year by another family, and they had planted a bed with Poppy seeds. To my surprise the following year I observed Poppy plants coming up thickly over the bed. And such a display of beautiful flowers we had from this bed of Poppies—yes, they were beautiful, and the admiration of all who saw them. They were of different colors, and all were equally lovely. They were tall, the stems being between two and three feet in height, and were of silky texture. They were bewitchingly attractive as they swayed and nodded to the breeze. We would often have a Poppy bouquet. They did not last long, but their brightness and cheeriness more than repaid us for replacing fresh ones. Mary A. Wilson.

Crow Wing Co., Minn., March 3, 1916.



Artemisia.—Let anyone who delights in the fragrance of the woods try *Artemisia annua*, or Sweet Fern, which, with every stir by wind or brush by hand, gives out its sweet, spicy fragrance. The blossoms are not so very much to speak of, but the ferns always give out their fragrance from the time they start from seedlings till they are burned to be rid of them, no matter if dry or fresh—in fact, the dried leaves are even more spicy.

Eaton Co., Mich., Oct. 1, 1915.

Mae.

[Note.—The foliage of *Artemisia* is fine-cut and Fern-like, and is pretty in bouquets. It may also be dried and placed in a chest with clothing to keep off moths and give perfume.—Ed.]



Amaryllis Johnsonii.—I have been cultivating *Amaryllis Johnsonii* for 20 years. They are strong-growing bulbs of two inches diameter, bearing bright green leaves two feet long, and throw up strong scapes from the ground, each crowned by large, showy red flowers. They begin to bloom in the fall and bloom more or less throughout the year. I have in bloom today two scapes of full-blown flowers, while several scapes show buds in different stages of development. They keep coming in succession, so that when one goes another takes its place. Last year they began to bloom in October, and were not without flowers until late in May. Then, in August they were in bloom again. I never had a flowering plant to give me such pleasure as *Amaryllis Johnsonii*.

Alice E. Dodd.

Coudersport, Pa., Feb. 28, 1916.

HINTS ON ROSE CULTURE.

IN MAKING a Rose bed, select a place that is fully exposed to the sun. Make the soil rich and deep, and see that the drainage is good. Mix plenty of well-rotted manure with the soil, but very little sand and leaf-mold. Generally speaking, corn planting time in the spring is the best time to plant your Roses, but as climatical conditions vary, this does not apply to every section of the country. After planting, water well, firm the soil about the roots, and shade from the sun until the plants have time to start in a few days' time. When the heat of summer comes, it is beneficial to mulch the plants with rotted manure, as this tends to keep the soil cool and moist, which encourages vigorous growth. In December, after the ground freezes, cover the bed with leaves or evergreen boughs, leaving the covering until around Easter time. These simple directions, with a little judicious pruning of the plants when they warrant it in the early spring, will enable any Rose or flower lover to have a satisfactory bed of everblooming Roses, the beauty of which will grow and enhance the worth of the garden with each passing year.

Richmond, Va.

Alvin McAuley.

Gourds from Seeds.—Last spring I planted four seeds of the Sugar-trough Gourd in black garden soil, by the grape arbor. They soon covered the arbor, and I raised 19 large Gourds. A few bugs appeared, and I sprayed them with arsenate of lead. One Gourd measured 55 inches around, and was so heavy that it broke the vine, falling to the ground and break-

ing into pieces. I then swung shelves (with wire) under the other large ones, taking the weight off of the vines, and they reached maturity. What fine baskets I'll have! I also grew a few Ball-bat Gourds (*Lagenaria leucantha longissima*) in the same way. I expect to use these for door vases for cut flowers on the porch.

Aunt May.

Vermilion Co., Ill., Oct. 26, 1915.

Improved Snapdragon.—Some of the most admired beds of flowers at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, at San Francisco, were of the Improved Snapdragon. The spikes were thickly set with large flowers, some of them beautiful as Orchids. The plants are fine for bedding, and if given a slight protection during a cold and severe winter, they will bloom early the following spring.

Hayward, Calif., Feb. 5, 1916. W. Freitas.

SCABIOSA.

AMONG the many flowers I grew this summer was the *Scabiosa atropurpurea*, or Mourning Bride. I sowed the seeds in the garden, and then transplanted the plants where I wanted them to grow. It is a lovely flower, with good qualities. There were



many shades, and the flowers were borne on long, stiff stems, and fine for bouquets. They will last a week or more. The plants withstand the frost. October 9th we had frost, and also ice, and the Scabiosas did not seem to care for it, but just kept right on blooming.

St. Clair Co., Mo., Oct. 22, 1915.

Reppa.

Snapdragon.—Last spring I received a packet of seeds of orchid-flowering Snapdragon, as one of the premiums with the Floral Magazine, and the flowers I raised from them were very beautiful, being large and of many rich and delicate colorings. Late in the summer I sold 50 of the plants to a local florist for fall and winter blooming in his greenhouse, and I have now about 25 plants, some of which are still in bloom.

A. E. McL.

Norfolk Co., Mass., Oct. 16, 1915.

Aquilegia.—The queen of all hardy perennials is Aquilegia or Columbine, the most graceful of all my hundreds of varieties of plants. I have about 300 plants, and between 40 and 50 different in color, form, foliage, season of blooming, and height. If I could have but one variety of plants, the Columbine would be my choice. Mine bloom in May, June and early July, according to variety.

Rev. Geo. A. Fuller, M. D.

Greenwich Village, Mass., Sept. 24, 1915.

Zinnia.—The Zinnia is a flower that more people should have, as it stands the drought so well, grows two and a half feet tall, and blooms until frost. I love the Zinnia.

Selma, Ia., Nov. 3, 1915.

Lulu McClure.



TWO ASPARAGUS PLANTS.

I HAVE an *Asparagus Sprengeri*, a beautiful, decumbent plant. It stands on a tabouret a yard high, in a 10-inch pot, and for several years has hidden the pot and almost hidden the legs of the stand. The fronds are turned upward when nearly to the floor, and



ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

passing around outside the legs of the stand are trained up on the opposite side, crossing the top of the pot, and again hanging down over their parent stem in beautiful, thick, feathery sprays at the ends of the long fronds. It looks like a green barrel. In the summer it hangs in a broad-eaved, sheltered spot of a screened porch, and blooms profusely, looking then a mass of white. Its berries are now red, having



ASPARAGUS PLUMOSUS.

been ripe for several weeks. I raised the plant from a seed obtained from the editor of this Magazine.

Many have said they never saw such a beautiful plant of *Asparagus Sprengeri* in any greenhouse, fair or parlor. It has not been

reputed for about five years. I can hardly manage it.

I also have one of the plumosus variety. It stands on a low tabouret in a 9-inch pot, and forms a thick feathery mass nearly a yard high from the surface of the pot, and nearly as wide from left to right as across the middle—a beautiful screen for a large window. It is supported only by two strong wires sloping toward the middle of the pot from the edges. Branches intertwine over its strong woody stems. I have not seen anyone who ever saw more beautiful *Asparagus* ferns than ours. They are about eight years old. The blossoms on *A. plumosus* look like tiny, crystal snowflakes fallen upon the tips and axils of the feather-like, so-called leaves. I can scarcely describe how beautiful these two Ferns are.

Miss Catherine M. Shepherd.
Phelps Co., Neb., March 17, 1916.

TWO HARDY PRIMROSES.

ONE OF the most beautiful and desirable of hardy Primroses is *Primula acaulis grandiflora*. The plants form elegant tufts of foliage, from which the buds push up, each upon a long stem, and so numerous are the flowers that a plant appears in early spring like a little globe of bloom. The flowers are mostly white with a lovely yellow center, but there are other colors, as blue, rose and red. They may be propagated from seeds and by division.

Another handsome Primrose is *Primula Sieboldii*, an improved form of the Siberian *Primula cortusoides*. This Primrose was found in Japan some years ago, and has almost displaced the Siberian sort. The flowers are both plain and fringed as represented in the plate, and come in various colors. The plants are not so hardy as those of *P. acaulis*, and must be well established and have a protected, well drained soil to endure the winter. They are also started from seeds and by division of the clumps. Seeds of both of these Primroses are sometimes slow in starting, and those who sow them should exercise some patience in waiting for the plants to appear. [See eng. opposite.]

Gladiolus from Seeds.—Among my mixed *Gladiolus* last year was one exceedingly large and beautiful. It bore seeds, and I saved them for planting. Late in February I made a small hot-bed out of a big drygoods box and put a sash over it. March 1st I sowed the seeds and covered them about a quarter of an inch with decomposed compost. Today the seedlings are coming up fine. J. A. Botto.

Newark, Calif., March 28, 1916.

Stock.—Those who have never planted Stock should surely do so. I planted a packet of the white Stock and I have never seen anything prettier. It bloomed from early spring until late in the summer, and the blossoms were so pure and perfect. I am going to try the other colors this fall.

Newman, Ga.

Mrs. Rœna Edge.



BLOOM-CLUSTERS OF PRIMULA SIEBOLDII.

THE POOR MAN'S BERRY.

"Green-fringed grasses and gorgeous bloom;
Pink, crimson and a snowy Elder lace—
A teasing fleet-winged zephyr flings
The perfumed petals in my face."

IT IS that "snowy Elder lace" and its results of which I want to write. Did you ever know the Elderberry crop to fail?

Perhaps this is because once upon a time people were afraid to destroy it. Lurking in swampy isles and borders, hiding unknown things in its shadows, it came to be regarded as something supernatural and having a spirit of its own. No wonder the Tyrol peasants lift their hats to the Elder.

The tree was the symbol and gets its name from Hilda, or Hulda, the good woman, the mother of elves, in northern myths. Her home was at the root of an Elder.

The Welsh name for the dwarf variety means plant-of-the-blood-of-man and is thought to grow only where human blood has been shed.

The farmers are paying more attention to the cultivation of the Elderberry, with wonderfully interesting results. Jelly made from the cultivated fruit has an entirely different flavor from that made from the roadside berry.

And why not cultivate it? Elder wood is supposed to cure toothache, keep the house from attack, fend off snakes, mosquitoes, and warts, quiet nerves, interrupt fits, remove poison from metal vessels, keep worms out of furniture, and guarantee that he who cultivates it shall die in his own house.

In South America one frequently sees it planted in parks as an ornamental bush. Crossing the Andes in February I saw the unusual combination of Elderberry blossoms mingling in the hedgerows with blooming Goldenrod.

The common Elder (*Sambucus Canadensis*) grows from five to six feet tall. The stems are woody toward the base and filled with white pith. It loves rich soils. The botanical name is that of an ancient Greek musical instrument supposed to have been made of Elder stalks.

The *S. nigra*, or European Elder, is a taller, more woody plant, has larger flowers, faintly sweet scented, and black fruit.

The red Elder (*S. racemosa*), found in rocky northern woods, has a warty bark, yellow-brown pith, bright red berries, blooms in early spring, not early summer, and its few lanceolate leaflets are downy underneath.

Sharon, Pa.

Sarah Graham Morrison.

Window Plants from Seeds.—

Raising window plants from seeds is a pleasant occupation, and not at all difficult, as some think. I have blooming now *Abutilons* in three varieties, *Primroses* the most beautiful I ever saw—dark red, pure white, variegated pink stripe on white ground, solid pink, and a beautiful lavender one. Such large trusses of bloom! Mine are the Giant, and they are well named. I also raised *Cineraria*, *Hibiscus*, *Geraniums*, and *Cyclamen*.

I have a dozen small bulbs of the latter. The last three mentioned haven't bloomed yet, and all these were raised from seeds sown the last of June, 1915. I have best success sowing in flat cigar boxes and tobacco cans. To give water I set them in a large pan containing about an inch of water. It soaks up through holes in the bottom of the box or can, and doesn't disturb the seeds. Be careful not to get too much water, for it will come up and flood the seeds. Just give enough to moisten the ground.



SAMBUCUS CANADENSIS.

I raise lovely Dahlias, too, from seeds. They blossom the first year, and are of all colors. I have a variety of Tuberous Begonias, and raise plants from my own seeding, sowing the seeds under the plants, like Petunias, in the beds. They are no care at all, raised in this way. I also raised *Coleus* and *Impatiens* of so many colors from seeds last year. I have eight *Gloxinia* seedlings, quite bulbs now. This year I shall try other choice window plants from seeds. I have so many, many house plants, and yet I want everything I haven't got. We plant cranks are a queer lot, aren't we?

Mrs. Wm. Gunsenhouse.

Barry Co., Mich., Feb. 13, 1916.

[Note.—Among the good things for the window easily grown from seeds are *Acacia lophantha*, *Browallia speciosa*, *Calceolaria*, *Carnation*, *Heliotrope*, *Impatiens* in variety, *Kenilworth Ivy*, *Mimulus*, *Nierembergia gracilis*, *Petunia*, *Salvia coccinea*, *Schizanthus Wisetonensis* and *Virginia Stock*.—Ed.]

THE GERANIUM.

ON FIRST acquaintance you would never accuse this innocent-looking plant of carrying concealed weapons, yet it has a whole battery of guns. After the flowers wilt and fall away, long-beaked fruit-pods are formed. These contain the seeds. The pod nurses them and protects them until they are ripe, and then, pop! it splits up the back, and the seeds are hurled in every direction. The plant with this battery of seed guns is the Geranium. (See engraving.)

The common Geranium in houses and window boxes is a member of the branch family which botanists call *Pelargonium*, and is a native of the Cape of Good Hope. Its scarlet



ERODIUM MANESCAVI.

and pink blossoms are showy, but it doesn't depend wholly upon its flowers to make friends. Its leaves, of many different shapes and markings, form a background that seems to be made especially to display the bright flowers.

But while you are well acquainted with the cultivated Geranium, you may not have heard of some of its cousins. The Alumroot, *Geranium maculatum*, which has medicinal value, is one. There is another species that has roots that are good to eat; and the leaves of others are edible. Some species are planted for forage plants for animals.

Elsie M. Brosius.

Cochranville, Pa., Feb. 8, 1916.

[Note.—The order Geraniaceæ, as constituted by Benthams and Hooker, embraces five tribes, as follows: I Oxalideæ, Oxalis; II Limnantheæ, Limnanthes, Floerkea; III Geraniæ, Geranium, Erodium; IV Pelargonieæ, Pelargonium, Tropæolum; V Balsamineæ, Impatiens. Our readers know more or less of all of the flowers named. One of the pretty native flowers is the Alumroot, *Geranium maculatum*, which grows a foot high and bears showy clusters of pretty purplish-red flowers in spring and early summer. An exotic species found in gardens is *Geranium sanguineum*. It is of low growth and forms a dense, globular clump that is in bloom throughout the summer. The flowers are cup-like and about the size of a Portulaca. A near relative of Geranium is *Erodium manescavi*, which approaches the common Zonale Geranium in habit and flower clusters. The plant grows a foot high, is strong and stocky, branches, and bears showy umbels of carmine-rose flowers all summer. It is hardy, and would look well massed in a bed. It is an easily-grown garden flower, and deserves to be better known.—Ed.]

Asparagus Fern.—I had last spring an Asparagus Fern three years old that had never done much good. I placed four grains of nitrate of soda in parts of the lard tub where it wasn't growing, and I wish you could have seen the change that took place. It threw up long shoots five feet tall, and in August it was fairly covered with tiny white blossoms. It was a beautiful sight.

A. S. L.

Pauline, S. C., Feb. 5, 1916.

ABOUT DAHLIAS.

A FEW years ago I began to grow Dahlias from seeds. Then I got so interested in them that I began to get a collection of named kinds, and now I have a fine collection and am a Dahlia crank. Every year I think I am going to stop getting different kinds, and then, when I see some kinds new from what I have, I want them. Countess of Lonsdale, Mrs. Dexter and Grand Duke Alexis are some of the best bloomers in my collection. There are certainly some grand and odd Dahlias. Among a few new ones I got last year one called Beauty is certainly well named. Another, called Carnation, is dark red striped white. The various kinds are certainly interesting, some bearing different flowers on the same stalk.



Souv. De Gustave Douzen is the largest Dahlia I ever saw. It is as large as a breakfast plate. It is a soft scarlet-red. (This is often sold under the name Enormous) Mrs. Roosevelt is a grand pink, but a poor bulb to save over winter, as I lose it when every other will survive.

K. Unverferth.

Perryville, Mo., Feb. 22, 1916.

Ailanthus.—The lady from southern Colorado should try Ailanthus as a yard tree. For resisting a drouth it is hard to excel. The various species of Locust (Robinia) mostly do well, also.

Mrs. B.

Mohave Co., Ariz., March, 9, 1916.

[Note.—Ailanthus, mostly known as "Tree of Heaven," not only does well in a dry, rather poor soil, but will withstand the smoke and gas of the city better than almost any other tree. The foliage of this tree is beautiful, and when adorned with the big bronze-red seed-panicles is very attractive. A group of four or five plants set three or four feet apart and cut to the ground early in the spring, only the strongest shoot allowed to grow, makes a grand mass of bright green, compound foliage, and in good soil these shoots will grow ten feet high in one season. The pollarding can be annually repeated.—Ed.]

Dahlias from Seeds.—Two years ago I bought two packets of Dahlia seeds, one of the Cactus class, and the other double. I grew about 30 plants from this lot of seeds, and had some very good blossoms. Most of them were not worth keeping, if one cares to have large and beautiful flowers, but there were enough good ones to fully pay for the trouble of growing them from the seeds. One of the best I grew in this way was a Cactus Dahlia. The color was a rich vermilion, and the blossoms were of a good size. Last winter some potato bugs went a housekeeping in the tuber and destroyed it.

W. Freitas.

Hayward, Calif., Feb. 5, 1916.

THOUGHTS.

The perfume from the orchard's blossoms now
Brings memory of the times of long ago,
With fragrance sweet and faces that do show
Of dear ones gone, yet seem with us somehow.

Time changes things, yet memory doth await
As long as life within the mortal stays.
Then aren't the kind and cheerful, loving ways
The very best of any man's estate?

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

RESETTING BULBS AND ROOTS.

MY BED of bulbs had not been reset for several years, and I found the Narcissus so crowded and deep in the soil that they produced but a few blooms. Grape Hyacinths, light and dark blue, were each in the space of a large pot, and were crowded full. I think the light blue a most beautiful color—like a bit of blue sky.

At the foot of the bed was a hill of Umbellatum Lilies. These would send up a half dozen slender stalks with their gold spotted blossoms, that always make such a bright display. I knew they were not doing their best, so I lifted the bulbs, and found they were but a few inches beneath the surface, and crowded with a multitude of small ones. I reset the large bulbs five inches deep.



ORNITHOGALUM.

Ornithogalum umbellatum was a comical sight. I had only one large bulb originally, but now there were perhaps a half dozen of blooming size which always put up their stems of starry white blossoms, and below these was nearly a quart of bulbs in size from that of a hazlenut

to that of tiny peas. Such a sight! I do not see how they lived, for the space they occupied was more than that of the earth that supported them. I spaded the earth deep, manured it liberally and gave those larger long-suffering bulbs a chance to live and see what they can do. I treaded the soil over all the newly set bulbs, and later mulched the bed so the bulbs would be ready for the frosts of winter.

Next I attacked the Iris bed containing Mme. Chereau with its stately stems of shaded light-blue blossoms, and Florentine, pearl white. These had grown so they were pushed half above the ground and had run together, the roots being packed. This was a problem beyond my strength; so I got my "Joe" at it. Well, he chopped, and spaded, and pried, till finally he got the mass out and divided, and there were roots enough after saying what I needed to start beds all through this village.

Next were the Lemon Lilies, Hemerocallis flava, which I prize for their fragrance and cool lemon color, my favorite in yellow. They, too, had grown so their roots and toes were

interlocked until there was not a particle of earth between. These I separated like the Iris and gave plenty of root-room, filling in with enriched fine soil, and watering and treading firmly. Two years ago I took up a hill of these that was not blossoming much, and put in fertilizers and new earth and reset without dividing, and they have sent up but a few distorted blossoms since. Now, as I looked at the crowded roots I could see why they did not do well. Thus we live and learn.

Province Hill, Que.

Mrs. Nellie Bailey.

[Note.—Referring to the Lemon Lily I would call the attention of readers to the later variety, Hemerocallis flava Thunbergil. This sort is identical with the old-fashioned Lemon Lily, except that it begins to bloom just as the other is through, and thus the season is greatly prolonged. The clumps can be intermingled with good effect.—Ed.]

My Vine House.—I wish I could tell you all how pretty and useful my vine house is. The sides and roof are of the common Morning Glory in all colors. In the center is a folding table and two folding chairs, above which is a 12-inch electric fan and a 64 candle power electric light. It is a fine summer parlor for young couples to dine in, and I supply ice cream and other dainties which I have for sale. This vine house is on a rented lot facing the main street of our town of 12,000 population. I also have a small building on it where I keep my stock of goods and my cream packer. The fan keeps out of my vine house the bugs that always gather near an electric light, so the use of the one always requires the use of the other. I am a boy, but am industrious, and during the summer school-vacation I make money in this way. Perhaps other boys and girls can make a Morning Glory house and make money by selling ice cream. The porches and windows of my cottage home are covered with Madeira Vines.

Earl Moore.

Salina, Kan., Lock Box 249, Jan. 9, 1916.

Hoya Carnosa.—My Hoya or Wax Plant is in a 50-lb. lard tub, and at one time covered a seven-foot ladder and run upon wire in two directions; but for some unaccountable reason a large part of it died off. The plant is still beautiful, however, and is set with buds all over the vine. The pretty Laurel-like leaves are ornamental in themselves, while the delicate, star-like, light pink blossoms are wax-like in texture, lovely in appearance, and deliciously fragrant. They are so sweet that drops of honey often appear upon the petals. The plant blooms from April until October, the clusters always developing upon the same stems. What could have caused certain vines to die off, as stated? Will angle-worms hurt it?

Alice E. Dodd.

Coudersport, Pa., Feb. 28, 1915.

[Ans.—The loss of a portion of the plant was probably due to insufficient drainage and consequent souring of the soil. * * * The presence of angle-worms, unless abundant, would not seriously injure the plant. Watering with lime water and patting the surface will bring them up, when they can be removed. The lime water will also sweeten the soil and make it wholesome.—Ed.]

THE HERALD.

When Bluebird sings down orchard rows,
Sweet solace to the mind he brings;
We then may count on winter's close,
When Bluebird sings.

And heaven's own blue is on his wings;
His breast the sunset's crimson shows,
As light on yon trim spray he swings.

Full faith in him the flowers repose;
They all acknowledge him as spring's
True herald; sure that winter goes,
When Bluebird sings!

Shelbyville, Ind.

Alonzo Leora Rice.

NIGELLA DAMASCENA.

THIS, known as Love-in-a-Mist, is one of the best hardy annuals. It will grow in any garden soil, and is always sure to bloom. Once planted, here it always reseeds itself, coming up every year. Mine were first planted by my mother about forty years ago, and they still come up in abundance, and we have never planted a seed since the first ones were sown.

L. E. H.

Douglas Co., Org.,
Mar. 17, 1916.

[Note.—*Nigella damascena* retains its place in the garden everywhere by self-seeding, but does not become a nuisance. The flowers are mostly a lovely pale blue, and made more charming by the finely serrated calyx, which partly veils the flower. The new variety, Miss Jekyl, has dark blue double flowers, and is a favorite. The flowers are succeeded by big, inflated seed-vessels, which are pretty, and may be cut with the flowers for bouquets. See engraving.—Ed.]

My Canna Bed.—It was under the kitchen window, about six feet wide and 15 feet long. At the back were eight plants of *Robustus*. In front of these were two orchid-flowered varieties, names unknown, a red and yellow striped and mottled, and a clear yellow, both four to five feet high. In the last row were dwarf crimson flowered. The soil was rich, and it rained frequently, and I put on lots of water. How they grew! The *Robustus* were eight to nine feet tall, covered up the windows, and such foliage I never saw. Clumps of roots were as big as a peck measure when I took them up. Every one of these came in an exchange, and when frost killed them I gave away bushels, besides keeping all I wanted for myself.

Mrs. E. Murray.

Ballston Lake, N. Y.

ROSES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

THERE WAS a very readable article on Rose culture in Park's a short time ago, from the facile pen of a Mississippi lady who loves and grows Roses. She left little unsaid about them, and yet I want to tell the Rose growers in the South that the best time to buy Roses is in the fall.

If they are one-year-olds, they can be set in the open, and a half gallon fruit jar turned over them. They begin growing right away, and thrive under the glass. The root growth, which is very important, keeps on also. If in December a quantity of stable manure and cotton seeds is thrown around their roots, it will prove beneficial. Then, in April, when the fruit jars are removed, this rotted fertilizer should be dug in, and the Roses will grow and grow. I always scatter a teaspoonful of nitrate

of soda around each Rose bush, just before the buds open in May. Then after they finish blooming the old stems should be removed and another spoonful of soda scattered around the roots. This should be sprinkled on the ground just before a rain, or when the ground is damp. Don't dig it in. This is the way to have each Rose bush one huge bouquet.

A. S. L.

Pauline, S. C.,
Feb. 5, 1916.



NIGELLA DAMASCENA.

Planting Dahlias.—Last year a grower of Dahlias described his way of growing Dahlias. I followed his directions and liked the method, as it saved a lot of work. The season was wet and I gave them sand from the hen house twice. Of course they could but grow vigorously. The clumps were put in the trench without dividing. When up four inches, all but four or five shoots were pulled off, and in a few weeks a final going over left but three of the strongest stalks to a clump. The Cactus Dahlias did extra well with this treatment.


Eliza Bradish.

Grafton, Mass., Feb. 14, 1916.

Godetia or Satin Flower.—This is a beautiful flowering annual, and will grow and bloom where many flowers would perish from drouth. The pure white ones are my favorites. There are several varieties that grow wild here in great profusion, but none compare with the cultivated white.

Douglas Co., Org., Mar. 17, 1916. L. E. H.

THE FARM FLOWER GARDEN.

 ALL WOMEN in the world a farmer's wife should have a flower garden of her very own. There are various reasons for this. Firstly, as the ministers say, she needs it. Her work is hard and constant, from earliest morning until dewiest evening. When the men are sitting upon the front porch she is out in the kitchen washing milk pails, setting bread, etc., etc. It is of no use to mention it all over; every woman knows the whole thread-bare story, and the men, bless 'em! won't read it. She needs comfort and pleasure daily, hourly, for she cannot get away, as those living near towns or in cities can. Most women like flowers—some love them. In some this love lies dormant, perhaps not even suspected, until something develops it. I cannot tell just why this is so, but the fact remains, sure as death or taxes, that something of our very own is much more interesting to us than something belonging to some one else. One nice bloom, no matter what it is, belonging to us is far, far more beautiful than a big bunch that belongs to some one else. Therefore let us have a garden of our own, where we can plan and plant, dig and weed, pull up and set out to our hearts' content.

As to location. Have it, if possible, near the house, where you can see it from your windows while at work, and whenever you go out into the yard. On the other hand, do not have it too handy for the chickens. There is absolutely nothing so home-devastating or heart-rending as finding an old rooster and three or four hens holding a suffrage meeting in one's cherished Pansy bed, or an old hen and a brood of little chicks taking a sun-and-sand bath in your Tulips or nice level seed-bed. Therefore, if possible, put your garden this spring where it is hen-proof and avoid trouble.

The size is also quite important. I find, after the flower germ is once firmly established, it is very apt to spread and grow strong and rank, causing us to reach out, year after year, bigger and farther. My garden, once fairly small, has grown to such proportions that I cannot handle it successfully, nor can I bring myself to prune off one inch of ground, but keep on spreading. Therefore, my advice to beginners is to begin with a small garden, one that you can keep easily in order yourself, for therein lies half the joy of a garden.

While all kinds of flowers are most beautiful and desirable, yet for our garden there are two kinds that seem to me to be especially designed for a farmer's wife's garden. These are hardy shrubs and perennials and hardy bulbs. To these two classes belong our most beautiful flowers, and when we add to these the summer-flowering bulbs, we can have blooms from April until snow flies, with only an occasional weeding after they are once firmly established. When to these one adds Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums, Asters and Pansies, a wealth of bloom and beauty can be ours. Other annuals can

and will be added, but let us establish our permanent hardy bed first.

The Dutch bulbs bloom first in spring, but, as of course you know, must be planted in the fall. Therefore I will not enlarge on these now. Later on, in August or September, if our editor will permit, I will tell you of these. Now I will only say, if any of your friends and neighbors have these in bloom, make an effort to see them, learn about the various kinds, lose your heart entirely to them, make a note of what you want another fall, and put your list where you can find it. Then when October comes you will be ready to listen to me.

While beds on the lawn or a garden laid out in stars, crescents and circles with paths are pretty for those who can care for them, a farmer's wife does not want them. For her the ideal easily cared-for garden is either a long bed from four to six feet wide, in the shelter of a fence somewhere, or, better still, a wide garden path with a bed each side of it, as wide as she wishes it. I made mine four feet when I started, years ago. Last year it was eight feet wide each side of the path. You can see what I mean by spreading. This garden path is the joy of my life. I had wanted one ever since I was seven years old. The one I have is four feet wide and 100 feet long, and when things get so snarled up and tangled indoors that I can't stand it another minute, I rush out to that path and begin to look for a new flower, or even a leaf somewhere along its borders. And, let me tell you, it is the best cure for ill temper or blues that I ever knew. Usually I forget what the trouble was before I am half-way done, and if I can spare time to go the whole length, by the time I am back on the lawn both hands are full and I am at peace with the whole world.

A garden is a gladsome thing, God wot!
Fern dell, cool work, rose-bordered plot
And yet the fool says, "God is not!"
Not God in gardens, when the day is fine?
Nay, I am very sure God walks in mine

To return to the practical side once more: how shall we get ready our borders and what shall we plant in them? If possible, a thorough preparation of the soil is very necessary, as this is a permanent garden and cannot be dug up again for some time. Deep spading or plowing and heavily fertilized soil are essential, if the best results are expected. As to what to plant, here is a list I find most satisfactory: Aquilegia or Columbine, Canterbury Bells, Double English Daisies, Shasta Daisy, Coreopsis lanceolata, Gaillardia, Iris, Violets, Perennial Phlox, Perennial Poppy, Pæonies, Lilies, Bleeding Heart or Dicentra, Fraxinella or Dictamnus, Valerian or hardy Heliotrope, Perennial Peas, Platycodon, Anemone, Digitalis or Foxglove, Delphinium or Perennial Larkspur, Hardy Pinks, Hardy Carnations, Sweet Williams, Roses and Day Lilies in variety. There are easily 50 others, all fine, that can be added, if desired. But this is an old standard list of plants, every one of which is an absolute "must have" in our perennial border. Besides these there are several others, called biennials,

that are only good for two or three years, and need to be renewed every year. Sweet Williams should come under this head; also Double Daisies, Pansies, Snapdragons, yes, and Canterbury Bells. Last but not least, Hollyhocks. Can your mind picture a garden of any kind, but especially a garden walk, without Hollyhocks?

A great many of these can be raised from seeds, and this is by all means the best way, as 50 plants can sometimes be raised at the cost of one, and better, hardier plants, too. Roses, Lilies, Iris, Perennial Phlox, Valerian, Bleeding Heart, Fraxinella and Pæonies come from the division of the roots, and must be either bought, begged or stolen. Of course, the latter course is never justifiable, but if it were, it would be in this instance. Luckily, however, it is not necessary. Flower lovers are usually most generous, and some friend can be found who has got roots of the old favorites, while the newer kinds must, of course, be bought. Every one of them is a beauty. Mrs. E. B. Murray.

Ballston Lake, N. Y., Apr. 10, 1916.

The Electric Light Plant.—There are various tall-growing plants suitable and satisfactory for the decoration of park, lawn or driveway, but none excel or even equal, in my estimation, the annual Electric Light plant. The seeds germinate readily, and the plants shoot up quickly into a small tree with graceful green foliage, a well-grown specimen attaining the height of eight or 10 feet, beautifully symmetrical in shape, a straight trunk with even branches, at right angles, crowned with huge clusters of pink or white blooms, the whole resembling a huge old-time candelabrum. These flowering branches lengthen with the season, and continue to put forth buds from summer till hard frosts, the blooms not unlike the Hydrangea in shape and size. The plant has no insect enemies, and the bean-like seed pods hang on long wiry stems in circles on the branches, and are attractive in themselves. One plant will produce enough seeds for a whole community. A single specimen on the lawn will call forth widespread admiration, and is a magnificent sight, while a clump of ten, set three feet apart, will produce a pleasing aspect never to be forgotten.

Mrs. L. T. Gage.

Topeka, Kan., March 28, 1916.

[Note.—The Electric Light Plant is *Cleome gigantea*. It blooms freely and continuously from July until after frost, and is handsome among shrubbery and as a background for a border. It requires a rich soil and an open situation to produce giant specimens. The plant is sometimes called Spider-flower on account of the spreading petals and long filaments. It is an annual, and the seeds may be obtained at 5 cents per packet.—Ed.]

Nemesia.—One of the very pretty flowers we seldom see is Nemesia. The plants are as easily grown as an Aster. From a packet of seeds I had a very pretty bed of flowers. I wish more of the sisters would try them.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 19, 1915. Mrs. Budwig.

ANCHUSA.

MY DELIGHT in experimenting with comparatively unknown plants is a source of some amusement to my friends, but "he who laughs last laughs best," and my smile certainly came last, for I stumbled upon a wise selection when I ordered a little package of *Anchusa* seeds, mixed.

The seeds were sown in the house in March, and transplanted as soon as danger of frost was over. From the first they made rapid growth, and it was evident even when the seedlings were very tiny, that there were two distinct varieties, one having a much coarser leaf than the other.

The smaller leaved variety began to blossom early in July, and for weeks was a mass of beautiful flowers of the true blue so rarely found. It was admired by visitors, some of whom had trouble in remembering the name. One little girl friend called it "Aunt Susie."

The larger variety did not bloom, and I am anxiously looking forward to the coming of next season, when I can see its blossoms. If it is as beautiful as the smaller *Anchusa*, they should both have a prominent place in every garden. There may be others, too, who enjoy having a new plant, or one that is, at least, uncommon. G. N. W.

Lawrence, Mich., Oct. 14, 1915.

Growing Dahlias.—In the spring I plant my Dahlias in a box of soil to test. The ones that have sprouts on them I plant, and



the rest I throw away, for they will not grow. Then I plant out of doors the latter part of April, and cultivate well. I use the disbud-ding process.

After frost I dig the roots and divide them, leaving a portion of the old stalk attached to each tuber, for if the neck of the tuber is cut off no sprouts will develop, and it is ruinous to the tuber. I then keep the divided tubers in a box in the frost-proof cellar, and watch carefully during winter to see that no signs of growth or decay appear.

Logan Co., Ill., Nov. 1, 1915. Percy Kepner.

Double Godetia.—The double-flowered varieties of *Godetia*, *Schaminii* and *Grandiflora rosea* fl. pl., were wonderfully beautiful. I planted the seeds so as to grow them in masses, and gave them little care.

Charlotte M. Hoak.
Pasadena, Cal., Nov. 9, 1915.

FLORAL NOTES.

Hoya and Geranium.—I have a Hoya vine in an eight-inch pot. It grows over an arched trellis, having one strong wire bent to form the arch, and smaller wires added. It is a screen thirty inches high by twenty-eight inches across at the top. Its blossoms are very fragrant. I have also a double rose-colored Geranium eight years old, from seeds, forming a tree thirty inches high, not counting the leaves at the top. Miss Shepherd.

Phelps Co., Neb., March 17, 1916.

A Cactus Crank.—"What has become of the Cactus cranks of twenty years ago?" Well, here at least, is one left, and I am just as much a lover of nice Cactuses as I was when there were so many others collecting Cactuses. Now, however, I have changed a few of my ideas. There are so many of the spiney ones, never intended by the Creator for any place, except where they were placed by Nature, in



A SPRING CACTUS.

dry, arid or semi-arid places, where tenderer plants cannot survive the parching heat of the western summers. Most species of *Opuntia* are not fitted for the house. But I surely admire the tenderer classes for house culture, and many of the low-growing varieties for a rockery (or raised bed) outside, where there is a dry location and plenty of sunshine.

Cactus Crank.

Mohave Co., Ariz., March 9, 1916.

Experience with Gloxinias.—I want to tell of an experience I had with Gloxinias several years ago. One that had red flowers with white edge bloomed continuously for two years, and last year one sprout formed another bulb several inches above the bulb it grew from. I took it off in the fall and planted it, and it is growing now. I have several times taken sprouts off and planted them and covered with glass for awhile, and they form bulbs and bloom nicely for me.

Mrs. Hannah H. Blackburn.

Osterburg, Pa., Feb. 12, 1916.

Improved Scabiosa.—The Improved Scabiosas are among the finest cut flowers grown. They are easily raised from seeds, and bloom in a short time. If given a good rich soil and copious watering at the roots, the stems grow to two feet, and the blossom three and a half or four inches in diameter. There are very many pleasing shades, and when bunched together they give an exquisite miscellaneous effect. W. Freitas.

Hayward, Calif., Feb. 5, 1916.

Kochia.—It may not be generally known that the pretty California Poppies (*Eschscholtzia*) do well in a high altitude. It was a surprise to me. They just grow beautifully at Kremmling, and that is nearly 8,000 feet above the sea level.



They seem to be just adapted for high altitudes: so anyone living in a high altitude need not be afraid of trying them. The largest, prettiest ones I ever saw grew in a high altitude. The past two seasons I grew Kochia or Burning Bush. The plants look like little trees, and make a lovely hedge. The bloom does not amount to anything in particular, but its beautiful color in autumn justly gives it the name of Burning Bush, and it is so easy to grow. Everybody should try it. Mrs. Albert Miller.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 19, 1915.

Carnations.—One time I bought a package of Marguerite Carnation seeds and planted and cared for them just as I had learned in Park's Floral Magazine. It was not so very early in the spring, but when autumn came my plants, about 14 of them, were loaded with buds, some of them opening into bloom. I took them up and brought them into the house, and my flower-loving friends would visit me on purpose to see those flowers, "as they had heard so much about them." They were worth dollars and dollars in money value, and they kept me and many other people cheered for many months. Mrs. Lizzie C Haviland.

Ulysses, Neb., Nov. 1, 1915

Mignonette.—Among my earliest recollections is that of visiting a dear auntie, long since dead, who always had so many beautiful flowers, and here and there—everywhere—some variety of Mignonette, which was her favorite, and is mine. I have quite a volunteer bed now (October 19th) in bloom, also Sweet Alyssum, both delightfully fragrant. Mrs. Caldwell.

Concord, Ill., Oct. 19, 1915.

Perennial Poppy.—One of the most gorgeous and easily grown flowers is the Perennial Poppy. I had several plants in bloom last spring, raised from seeds. The flowers are very large and very beautiful, and I am going to plant more of them. Mrs. Budwig.



Detroit, Mich., Oct. 19, 1915.

Dahlias from Seeds.—Last year I purchased a packet of Dahlia seeds and planted them out in the garden, not even starting them in the house. Lots of plants appeared, and bloomed until frost, when I dug them up. There were beautiful yellow and variegated double, also red double and single red; a few did not bloom. Mrs. N. E. Philbrick.

Stuart, Neb., Oct. 26, 1915.

FLORAL NOTES.

California Poppy.—I had a packet of these lovely little clouds of gold, and just as soon as the plants were large enough to bloom they were covered with their golden cups, until we had a hard frost that killed them. The only trouble was that I did not have half enough of them. I shall have more next year.

Mrs. Chas. A. Johnson.

Rochester, Vt., Oct. 11, 1915.

Petunias.—Several years ago I raised some Petunias from a package of mixed seeds. I sowed them in a box in the house, and set the plants in the open ground in June. For several years after, I had a fine bed of Petunias, where they had grown the previous year, by just raking the bed over and keeping it free of weeds.

Mrs. P. J. Sours.

Axin, Mich., Nov. 15, 1915.

Yucca.—The Yucca is hardy and when once started will last a lifetime. It is easily grown, and is nice for the cemetery, as well as for growing among low shrubbery, as the clumps of sword-like foliage are green summer and winter, and in summer tall scapes of pretty, white, drooping bells make a grand display.

Lulu McClure.

Selma, Ia., Nov. 3, 1915.

Improved Heliotrope.—The Improved Heliotrope was new to me. From a mixed packet I had several plants—light and dark blue and white. Some plants had trusses of bloom nearly a foot across.

Mrs. Martha King.

Milroy, W. Va., Oct. 25, 1915.

Asparagus Ferns.—I just feel like urging all the floral sisters and the numerous other readers of this little Magazine who are lovers of flowers to try the growing of Asparagus Ferns from seeds. Perhaps some of you have. About 10 years ago I bought a packet of mixed Asparagus seeds, and now have two very large plants from those seeds. One is *Asparagus plumosus* and the other is *Asparagus Sprengeri*. I think I enjoy them much more because I grew them from seeds. The seeds were sown in sand and woods earth.

Aunt Mary.

Vermilion Co., Ill., Oct. 26, 1915.

Plant Datura Seed.—Would you attract the eye of the passer-by? Then grow

the *Datura*. The seed is sure to germinate, the plants are certain to bloom, and the immense double, yellow, blue, and white blooms will not only sweetly scent your own yard, but also delightfully perfume that of your neighbor.

Mrs. L. T. Gage.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 22, 1915.

Moonflowers.—After soaking the seeds of Moonflower (*Ipomoea Mexicana alba*) until they swelled and broke the skin, my mother planted them in a box early in spring, and as soon as warm enough put the young plants in beds prepared beforehand, and made rich with manure. She has often had to cut holes through the luxuriant growth in order to let in air and light through the windows. The profuse flowers were from four to six inches across.

Panola Co., Tex., Nov. 18, 1915. M. O. P.

Ageratum.—Considering its beauty as a bedding plant and its value for cutting, it is strange that outside of parks one rarely sees *Ageratum*. If the seeds are sown early (mine were sown in March), the plants will begin blooming in July, and continue to bloom until frost, showing an almost solid mass of blue or white. We have so few blue flowers that the former is sure to attract attention. The blue blooms more freely for me, and its season is longer. I had nothing that was more admired. The first exclamation was usually, "How beautiful!" The second, "What is it?" followed by, "Where can I get it?" It is very hardy, every seed seems to germinate and the plants make a very rapid growth.

G. N. W.

Lawrence, Mich., Oct. 14, 1915.

[Note—*Ageratum* is one of the plants that delight in the hot rays of the summer sun, and is freely and continuously in bloom until after frost in autumn. It is much used in Europe for beds and borders, and is always effective.—Ed.]

The Helichrysum.—I wonder if any of the Magazine readers have ever grown any of the *Helichrysum* (Everlasting Flowers) in their gardens. If not, they can never realize how beautiful they are in their many colors and variety of shades from darkest red to bright scarlet and pink, bright and pale yellow and white. I sow the seeds early in a box, and have them transplanted into the garden when danger of frost is over. They require little care, but must be watered if the season is dry. Before the buds are quite ready to open, they must be picked and, after removing the green leaves, hung up by the stems to dry. When dry, I pack them in a box till ready to use. They make very pretty holiday gifts arranged on post cards, tied with ribbon, and are nice to send to the sick, as they do not fade.

Wilton, N. H.

Mrs. A. R. Perham.



HELIOTROPE.

LAST SPRING I got some Heliotrope seeds of a purple shade, hoping to raise some plants, as I think the flowers are so lovely. I had heard that they were difficult to raise from seeds, but I was certainly going to try. Well, I sowed the seeds, and in



due time the little fuzzy-leaved plants began to appear. When they were well started I placed them where they would get more air and sunlight. The sunlight was all right, but not so the air. The little plants commenced to damp off until out of a dozen I had only half of them left. Then I commenced

to cover with glass and lost no more. When two inches high I transplanted into small pots, and kept the glass on until they were strong, and by keeping in the sun and giving plenty of water I had beautiful, fragrant blossoms by August. I find the Heliotrope does best kept in a south window in the house, or out in the open where there is no shade. Then give lots and lots of water.

Eaton Co., Mich., Oct. 1, 1915.

Mae.

Datura Wrightii.—One of the most pleasing flowers that I have ever seen was the Datura or Nightingale Lily. The leaves are shaped like those of the wild Jimson, only thicker and of a pinkish tint. The seed-pods also are similar. The bloom is a waxy, lavender white, trumpet-shaped, and several inches across, and five or six inches in length. It is very fragrant. The roots live over winter at the South, and at the North plants spring up every year from self-sown seeds.



Anna E. Wilson.

Greeley, Kan., Nov. 5, 1915.

Scabiosa.—The old-fashioned flower Scabiosa is so improved it surprised me to find the different colors, light blue, black, and different shades of red. The flowers are wonderfully pretty, and their long stems make them fine for bouquets.

Mrs. Bert Dorman.

Elba, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1915.

PINK DOUBLE MORNING GLORY.

LAST SPRING I decided to plant a row of white double Morning Glory seeds, to cover a fence where the plain Japanese Morning Glory had been growing to the utmost perfection for a couple of years. After sowing the seeds the plants grew well and started to blossom early. One morning I was surprised to find a vine that had several double pink flowers on it, so I gave this vine extra attention, and soon after saw another vine also producing large double pink flowers, and with the same variety of different shapes that the white double kinds have. Both of these double pink vines flowered freely all summer and until cut down by frost, and everyone who saw my row of double Morning Glories said they were beautiful, and wanted some of the double pink seeds. Well, when these pink vines did seed, I was very much disappointed to see that they produced the common black seeds that so characterize the plain Morning Glory. A peculiar thing about these pink vines was that every time there was a heavy rain, the flowers assumed a purple hue. I would give anything to have another row of a mixture of the double white and pink flowers, but whether by chance I got hold of seeds that produced the pink blooms, or a few of the seeds in the old patch mixed with the double white ones, has yet remained a mystery to me.

Richmond, Va.

Alvin McAuley.

Perennial Pea.—I have one Perennial Pea which is three years old. It came up last spring and grew rapidly, attaining the height of five feet. It was covered with buds and blossoms on June 30th, when it was cut to pieces by hail. Every poor crippled, scarred and half-cut off stem that was left healed and threw out a new vine at every leaf axil and grew so rapidly in every direction it nearly took the yard. It must like lots of water, for when we would have two or three weeks of rainy weather, and my Sweet Peas would all stop blooming and grow to vines, the old Perennial Pea was just completely covered with its pinkish purple flowers. I picked the last three stems of flowers from it on Oct. 11th, after having several hard frosts.

Kearney, Neb., Oct. 17, 1915. Jennie Shiers.

Wild Cucumber.—To the people who wish a quick-growing vine as a covering for old stumps or buildings, I wish to recommend the Wild Cucumber (*Echinocystis*) as being an excellent one for that purpose. It grows quickly, and is soon covered with a mass of white flowers, and then followed by curious cucumbers, which will afford much amusement.

Ethel G. Saunders.

Hop Bottom, Pa., Oct. 20, 1915.

[Seeds of the Wild Cucumber (*Echinocystis lobata*) start tardily because of their impervious covering. They should be sown in the fall, where the vines are to grow, and the plants will appear very early in the spring, and begin to vine before the Morning Glory starts. Once established the plants will appear every year from self-sown seeds.—Ed.]

SONGS REQUESTED.

LORENA.

The years creep slowly by, Lorena,
The snow is on the grass again;
The sun's low down the sky, Lorena,
The frost gleams where the flowers have been;
But the heart beats on as warmly now
As when the summer days were nigh;
Oh! the sun can never dip so low
Adown affection's cloudless sky.

A hundred months have passed, Lorena,
Since last I held that hand in mine,
And felt that pulse beat fast, Lorena,
Tho' mine beat faster far than thine;
A hundred months, 'twas flowery May
When up the hilly slope we climbed
To watch the dying of the day
And hear the distant church bells chimed.

We loved each other then, Lorena,
More than we ever dared to tell;
And what we might have been, Lorena,
Had but our lovings prospered well!
But then 'tis past, the years are gone,
I'll not call up their shadowy forms;
I'll say to them: "Lost years, sleep on;
Sleep on, nor heed life's pelting storms."

The story of that past, Lorena,
Alas! I care not to repeat;
The hopes that could not last, Lorena,
They lived, but only lived to cheat;
I would not cause e'en one regret
To rattle in your bosom now,
For "if we try we may forget"
Were words of thine long years ago.

Yes; these were words of thine Lorena,
They burn within my memory yet;
They touched some tender chords, Lorena,
Which thrill and tremble with regret;
'Twas not thy woman's heart that spoke,
Thy heart was always true to me;
A duty stern and pressing broke
The tie that linked my soul with thee.

It matters little now, Lorena,
The past is in th' eternal past,
Our heads will soon lie low, Lorena,
Life's tide is ebbing out so fast;
There is a future, oh, thank God!
Of life this is so small a part;
'Tis dust to dust beneath the sod,
But there, up there, 'tis heart to heart.
Sent by Mrs. Mary D. Sprague, 502 N. Beech Street,
Normal, Ill., to whom our thanks are due.

And one soft eye was beaming,
From child to child 'twould roam;
Thus a mother counts her treasures
In the old, old home.—Chorus.

The birthday gifts and festivals,
The blended vesper hymn
(One dear one who was swelling it
Is with the Seraphim);
The fond "good-nights" at bed-time,
How quiet sleep would come
And hold us all together
In the old, old home.—Chorus.

Like a wreath of scented flowers,
Close intertwined each heart,
But time and change in concert
Have blown the wreath apart;
But fond and sainted memories
Like angels ever come,
If I fold my arms and ponder
On the old, old home.—Chorus.

Sent by Mrs. Mary D. Sprague, 502 N. Beech Street,
Normal, Ill., to whom our thanks are due.

THE SHIP THAT NEVER RETURNED.

On a summer's morn, when the waves were rippled
By the softest, gentlest breeze,
Did a ship set sail, with her cargo laden,
For her port beyond the seas.
There were sweet farewells, there were loving sig-
As her form they yet discerned; [nals,
Though they knew it not, 'twas a solemn parting.
For the ship she never returned.

Chorus.

Did she ever return? No, she never returned,
And her fate is yet unlearned;
But for years and years, there were loved ones wait-
For the ship that never returned. [ing

Said a feeble lad to his anxious mother,
"I must cross the wide, wide sea,
For they say, perchance, in a foreign country
There are health and strength for me."
'Twas a gleam of hope in a maze of danger,
And her heart for her youngest yearned,
So she sent him forth, with her smile and blessing,
In the ship that never returned.

"Only one more trip," said a gallant seaman,
As he kissed his weeping wife,
"Only one more bag of golden treasure,
And 'twill last us all our life.
Then we'll settle down in our cozy cottage,
And enjoy the rest we've earned."
But, alas! poor man, he sailed commander
Of the ship that never returned.

Mrs. A. B. Midyette.

CHEROKEE.

Milk-white Roses, Cherokee Roses,
Starry blooms that the dark encloses!
Hark to the wild song,
Strange song, wild song,
Sometimes a love-song, sometimes a child-song!
See where the dreaming palmetto dozes,
I wait here, singing of the Cherokee Roses.

Fair little lady, moon-white lady,
White as the flowers in your garden shady,
When I have fled, love,
When love has sped, love,
Come to our tryst, love, drooping your head, love,
Saying, "Here strayed he!" Sighing, "Here stayed
Singing to, dreaming of, calling his lady, [he!"

Cherokee, Cherokee, Cherokee Roses!
Hear the song in the garden closes!
Hark to the light song,
Mocking-bird's bright song,
Lover's low love-song, passionate night-song;
Who is the singer the sweet dark encloses?
Someone who sings of the Cherokee Roses!
Milk-white Roses, Cherokee Roses,
Dream-pale blooms that the night encloses,

THE OLD, OLD HOME.

When I long for sainted memories,
Like angel troops they come,
If I fold my hands to ponder
On the old, old home.
The heart has many passages
Thro' which the feelings roam,
But its middle aisle is sacred
To the old, old home.

CHORUS—Oh, the old, old home,
Oh, the old, old home,
I fold my arms and ponder
On the old, old home

When infancy was sheltered
Like Rosebuds from the blast,
Where boyhood's brief elysium
In joyousness was passed,
To that sweet spot forever,
As to some hallowed dome,
Life's pilgrim bends his vision—
'Tis his old, old home.—Chorus.

A father sat, how proudly!
By that hearthstone's rays,
And told his children stories
Of his early manhood's days;



THE VIOLET.

The first wild flower to greet me on this morning in
[May,
Was a sweet little Violet that grew by the way,
And stooping down lower the better to see,
I found there were dozens blooming under the tree.



How dear to our hearts are these flowerets of May!
They have lived, they have died and been buried
But God in His wisdom careth for them [away,
And gives them this sweet resurrection again.

Does not this teach us a lesson sublime,
That He careth for us, in His own good time,
And no matter where we are laid away
We will live again, in God's endless day?
Springboro, Pa. Mrs. Emily Hotchkiss.

IN MAY.

O, welcome happy May-time,
With your song-birds all a-tune,
And the Roses blend their fragrance
With the Lilac's sweet perfume.

The woods are dressed in blossoms,
And the sun smiles from above.
What a joy to be a living,
And to know His wondrous love.

'Tis on the second Sunday
We remember "mother dear"
With a flower, or some message,
To fill her heart with cheer.

And when the many pleasures,
Alas! have passed away,
We gather thy sweet flowers
For Decoration Day.

Columbus, O. Lizzie Mowen.

MOTHER.

I cannot say, I will not say
She is dead—she is just away;
With a cheery smile, and a waving hand
She has gone to the unknown land.
She has left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.

And you, O you, who anxiously yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of her faring with joys more dear
In the love of there than the love of here.
I think of her still as the same, I say,
She is not dead, she is just away.

Union Hill, N. Y. Hazel A. Reed.

THERE IS A SHIP.

There is a ship with golden sails,
A ship with silver spars,
That I can take, asleep, awake,
Beyond the silver bars,
That bears me on a soundless sea
Up to the shining stars.

I leave the world's dim shores behind,
I leave bright spire and dome,
And cross unmeasured leagues of joy,
Unnumbered miles of foam,
Forgetting cares, and tears, and pain,
Contented but to roam.

The world forgot—ah! well forgot,
My deepest sorrow gone;
How wonderful is that white ship
That leads me to the dawn,
And takes my troubled heart and cries,
"Sail on, and on, and on!"

Imagination is her name;
She never rests, but flies
Upon the creamy sea of dreams
Beyond God's bluest skies.
O ship of joy! O ship of love!
That leads—to Paradise.

Charles Hanson Town.
Published by request of Hazel A. Reed.

SONNETS TO THE MONTHS.

MAY

Everything is bright and gay,
Oh! we love thee, merry May.
The brook merrily ripples and,
Making music wherever it goes.
From the trees old and tall
Come the birds' sweet call,
As they bask in the bright sunshine.
Oh! the happy, happy May-time.

JUNE

In the merry month of June
All the flowers seem to bloom,
And the earth seems very bright
In the summer's glowing light.
The birds merrily sing and trill
From field and wooded hill;
And the air is full of perfume.
How we love thee, merry June!

SEPTEMBER

September woods are bright and gay.
The flowers have put forth their last bloom
In the brightest and gayest array,
Ere killed by the winter's sad doom.
Henderson Co., Ill. Lena C. Ahlers.

THE VOICE WITHIN.

It isn't what we have that makes us glad,
Or what the future portions as our part;
We regulate our feelings, good and bad,
By what we carry, each one in his heart.

This be my prayer: Dear Lord, in days of stress,
When burdens bend, and heavy eyelids smart,
Give me no room to cherish bitterness;
Oh! keep a little song-bird in my heart.
Florence Boyce Davis.
Wash. Co., Vt., Nov. 24, 1915.

LIMITATIONS.

Could our tears and laughter wed,
Fair rosebuds on Thistles grow;
If in stones we could find bread,
And Daisies in drifts of snow;
If we might pluck from our grief
Not blossoms of joy, but a leaf!
Shelbyville, Ind. Alonzo L. Rice.

APOLLYON'S RIDE.

Tricky old Satan peered into the night,
He saw the moon shining so lovely and bright
He thought he would go for a bit of a ride,
And called a frolicsome imp to his side.
"Go, saddle my courser, my dear Imp," said he,
When over the hill, by a scraggy Oak tree,
He saw an attendant come, riding a goat,
And carrying with him a very large note.

"King Satan," it read, "the Good Forces tonight
Are making a raid on our people so bright.
They'll all be converted unless you make haste,
And we from our stronghold shall surely be chased."
"Aha!" said old Nick. "Ho! What have we here?
A pretty bad mess on our hands, now I fear.
My horse, Imp, bring quick, I've a long way to ride,
And you get a goat and come here to my side.

"When we reach the Broad Road, to the witches
And send me some help. Be sure you fly,"
Old Nick's horse was brought. He the cinches made
And sprang to the saddle and rode out of sight.
The courser was fresh and sped over the ground,
Its hoofs striking sparks, which rained all around.
It plunged down a bank, and thus started the race,
As Satan rode on, a strong wind in his face.

The stars twinkled gaily up in the dark sky,
The owl in the tree tops gave one mournful cry,
The lizard turned pale; a faint seized the toad
As the thundering hoofbeats were heard on the road.
The fine muscles played 'neath the beast's ebon hide,
No blacker than that of him who did it ride.
His white teeth flashed bright as he grinned, and his
He tossed in defiance; his eyes were fiery red. [head

A clawy hand clutched the black bridle-rein.
Now the mountains were past and they entered a
The charger sped faster, aye, faster by far [plain.
Than a meteor bright, or a gay falling star.
The hoofs, with swift rhythm, beat fast on the ground,
As over the plain like a deer it did bound
The imp, who was riding a goat, fell behind,
And rode o'er the hills, the witches to find.

Now on the Broad Road the Demon speeds well,
The moonlight in one soft'ning sheet on him fell.
For miles like a shot from a gun did they race,
"How now," quoth the Demon, "I see
Three dangerous sisters, the three
Who are such a menace to me,
Faith and Hope and pale Charity."

On eagles so bold rode the white sisters fair,
They sailed like a thunderbolt right through the air.
Poor Satan looked sad, but he grimly kept on,
And urged on the horse, and soon he was gone
Now he was ahead, now the sisters three.
The horse plunged along. Ahead now was he.
Now they had passed him. It gave him a pain
He set spurs to the horse and passed them again.

Meanwhile little Imp reached the abodes of gloom,
And ordered six witches to each seize her broom.
Away went the six with a whirl and a dash,
When five of them heard a terrible crash.
The bravest witch fell from her broom with a flop.
The broom flew away and refused now to stop.
A second witch erred in riding too high,
And got caught in the cobwebs that cover the sky.

The broom of a third witch balked on the way,
The brooms of two others started to play
And would not go on, 'neath the shining moonlight.
One witch only went on the perilous flight.
Old Satan still raced with the Sisters of Joy.
"Come, Beastie," he said to his mount, "Come, old
It certainly was a most wearisome ride, [boy."
And the Sisters and he now rode side by side.

A whirl close behind them they heard, and they saw
The bold witch advance. Like a crow did she "caw."
"Ahi! Satan, we've got 'em beat." A fiendish grin
Spread over her face from her eyes to her chin.
"No, Satan, they'll never go past us again."
On her speedy young broom she had passed the
[whole four,

And reached the place where people peered from the [door.

"'Tis the rule of the game," sang Satan in glee.
"The one who lands first gets the people, that's me."
The Sisters, dismayed, saw the witch reach the place
Was this the result of the terrible race?
But the witch's broom stumbled, and Faith reached [the door.
"Dear sisters, we've conquered, so worry no more."
The witch and Old Nick gave a great howl of pain,
And in chagrin were forced to return home in vain.
Fallon, Calif. Vivian Swanson.

MAY FLOWERS.

Beside the bonny flowing stream,
Or hidden in the brush,
Where charming sunbeams softly gleam,
And sweetly sings the thrush,

There richly bloom sweet flowers of May,
In tenderness they grow—
Sunlight kissed and bathed in dew,
Where May-time breezes blow.

Nestlings peep above their heads
From downy nests of straw;
A birdsong is their lullaby,
And solitude their law.

May flowers, oh, gentle powers,
Of sweetness to allure;
Mankind reaps, your essence keeps,
His soul defects to cure.

Mapleton, Kas.

Ella M. Potter.

THE DAFFODIL'S MESSAGE.

There is many a record in memory's book
I review during dull winter hours;
The picture my fancy portrays on each page
Are scenes in a garden of flowers.
I seem to be living that life o'er again
In the sweet summer time long ago,
Where the twilight drifts on towards the realms of
With starlight and moonlight a-glow. [night,

I seem to inhale the sweet fragrance again
As in fancy I'm there 'mid the flowers,
Where soft balmy breezes are murmuring low
As I stroll 'neath the green leafy bowers;
Though to some it may seem like a sad and sweet
In that fond summer time long ago, [song
We'll welcome the message the Daffodils bring,
As they pop their bright heads through the snow.
Austin, Ill., April 5, 1916. Mrs. Emma P. Ford.

ENGLAND'S WOODS.

In nearly pristine state, old England keeps
Her woods entire; there Chiselhurst survey;
Nearer the Addington hills in coppice gay;
The manor of Croydon from its leafage peeps,
Near see of Canterbury, while yonder sweeps
The sylvan plain of Windsor, and here away
The trees of Banstead commons; in fair array
The range of North Downs in yon forest sleeps.

Here sing the songsters, either soon or late.
The bird that caroled to the pensive Keats,
Its kindred still enchants us with its lay;
At morn when rooks in wind-swept Elms debate,
Remembrance then fond Juliet's words repeat,
As Shelly's lark, blithe spirit, heralds day.
Shelbyville, Ind. Alonzo Rice.

A DREAM.

Sweet are the dew and the flowers,
Sweet the summer's clime;
Sweet are the morning hours,
When earth is in its prime.

My cares fall away like the shadows
That scatter at break of day;
Forgotten are toil and labor,
Again I'm a child at play.
Oneida Co., N. Y., Oct. 20, 1915. Sophie Esty.

SPRING AGAIN.

Yes, the gems of earth are with us!
Sweet Arbutus, meek and fair,
With its petals pink and waxen,
Sending perfume through the air.

Pussy Willows early greet us
Down where scarlet Dogwoods grow,
And the gray and rose together
Brighten earth when March winds blow.

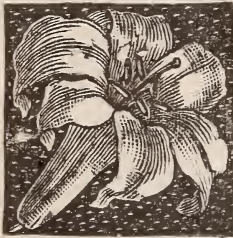
Venture now the meek Hepaticas,
Coming forth this April day,
Clustered all so close together
Till their petals blow away.

Birds are trilling notes of gladness
In the flowery wood today,
And spring breezes floating sweetly
Bid us banish care away.

Austin, Ill., April 16, 1916. Mrs. Emma P. Ford.

THE IMMORTAL LILY.

The virgin Lily bends its head
And blends its dust with Lilies dead,—
Dust that shall live in days to be,
And still retain its chastity.



The vestment that to earth doth fall,
Again shall be a Lily tall;
For nothing lives or dies in vain,
But all things die to live again.

The Lily's soul must always live,
Forever through the endless æons;
For its sweet breath the Lord did give,
To chant for aye its perfume peans.

Shelley, Idaho.

Aubrey Parker.

THE MOUNTAIN LILY.

Afar upon the western mounts
The Mountain Lily grows;
Its roots drink of the glacial founts,
Its trump's white as the snows,
And through its frame its life-sap thrills
With music of the rippling rills.

Though like an angel, spotless white,
In Nature's wondrous plan,
Its soul seems of the darkest night,
In poison rank for man.
And like the beauty of the star
We need must view it from afar.

Like moral man that, lacking faith
In God, poisons the race,
These things must be, the Scripture saith,—
Each seems to have its place.
O, poison weeds! O, shallow man!
To doubt the goodness of God's plan.

Detroit, Mich.

Ulysses R. Perrine.

THE TRYSTING HOUR.

If Adam pined 'mid Eden's wealth of bloom
For Eve's sweet face and her seraphic smile,
With what desire, in this encircling gloom,
I wait for you, the shadows to beguile.
Shelbyville, Ind. Alonzo Rice.

TWILIGHT FANCIES.

When evening shadows gather on the hillside,
And the sun in splendor vanishes from sight,
Oft I wander by the river, where the Lilies gently
quiver,
And the world seems all aglow with wondrous
light.

Tiny clouds begin to gather, tinged with hues of
palest rose,

Till they form a face I loved long years ago;
With her hair of pale gold gleaming,
And her eyes with lovelight beaming,
A starry crown upon her brow of snow.

Wait for me in cloudland, darling; I am coming.
For the angels wait to bear me to your side.
Now the Lilies are at rest, on the river's shining
breast,

And I long to join you there, my angel bride.
Long ago we used to wander, where tonight I stand
alone,

Sadly longing for the happy day to dawn
When together we'll be roaming
By the river, in the gloaming,
And the weary years of waiting shall be gone.

Now the twilight deepens into starry azure,
And the face that fancy wove among the clouds
From my sight has disappeared, but my heart by
hope is cheered,

And my head with sadness is no longer bowed
Through the leaves the gentle moonlight shines
upon the Lilies fair,

Bathing all the earth with mystic, silvery light.

Ere once more the Lilies waken

To your side shall I be taken,

And I'll bid the world a last farewell, good-night.
Sheffield, Mass. Mrs. Arthur Love.

MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD.

How well I remember childhood's bright days,
Its pure simple joys and innocent ways;
When the world seemed ever so fair and so bright,
And life to me always a round of delight.

Those bright days of childhood I ne'er can forget.
How they linger, yes, linger, in memory yet!
I can never live over those bright days again,
Sunny days, happy, unmingled with pain.

Never again will the world seem so fair;
Never will I know so little of care;
The sky then appeared to me charmingly blue,
And each open flower of the loveliest hue.

The friends of my childhood so good and so true,
Many of whom have to earth bade adieu,
The lessons they taught me of truth and of love,
They still beckon upward to heaven above.
Crow Wing Co., Minn. Mary A. Wilson.

THE DAYS GONE BY.

In the days gone by, when my naked feet were
tripped

By the Honeysuckle tangles where the Water Lilies
dripped,

And the ripples of the river lipped the moss along
the brink,

Where the placid-eyed and lazy-footed cattle came
to drink,

And the tilting snipe stood fearless of the truant's
wayward cry,

And the splashing of the swimmer—in the days gone
by!

O, the days gone by! O, the days gone by!
The apples in the orchard and the pathway through
the rye;

The chirrup of the robin, and the whistle of the quail,
As he piped across the meadows, sweet as any
nightingale;

When the bloom was on the clover and the blue was
in the sky,

And my happy heart brimmed over—in the days
gone by!

Richmond, Va.

Alvin McAuley.

WHITE CARNATIONS.

I'd like a white Carnation flower
To wear for "Mother's Day,"
But know too well the price of it
Must go another way.

I'll make a tissue paper one,
And bid it bravely tell
How glad I am that mother dear
Is surely getting well.

Here comes the mail—a box for me!
And in it—what is this?
Three fragrant white Carnation blooms—
"From Ethel, with a kiss."

Dear little girlie! so you guessed,
With mother sick in bed,
My pennies all must go for things
Of actual need, instead

Of buds and cards and sentiment;
And now these flowers can tell
The joy I feel that mother mine
Is here and getting well!

Cayuga Co., N. Y. Cora A. Matson Dolson.

PANSIES.

Flower faces sweet and bright,
Looking toward the sun,
How I'd like to kiss you now,
Every single one.



Purple and rich yellow hoods
Over faces bright,
Not afraid of anything
In the fair sunlight.

Pansies—Heartsease—shall we say?
Either name is sweet,—
Any heartache you would cure
Nestling at one's feet.

Many bright and happy thoughts,
Pansies dear, you bring,
Just as little Crocus does,
Coming in the spring.

Richmond, Va. Alvin McAuley.

WHITE VIOLETS.

Perhaps it was not long ago,
Perhaps a hundred years,
We stood where bright, cool waters flow,
And I could scarce keep back my tears.

Behind us rose a little slope,
And thick white Violets sprang therefrom,
Sweet April signing me to hope
For happy days to come.

Vain hope! I learned in that brief hour
You loved me not or ever would.
I knew that I had not the power
To rouse you where you dreaming stood.

My heart with every mighty leap,
To sharpest agony was wrought;
You watched the gusty ripples creep,
It was so plain you loved me not.

Hope, love, and pain are fading all,
And while I watch them dimly pass,
One thing I vividly recall:
There were white Violets in the grass.

Cumberland Co., Pa. Maggie A. Cromlich.

THE TRIBUTE.

A stately Lily with its golden cup
Had caught the crystal dewdrops all night long;
A sparrow drained it at a single sup,
And paid for the rich banquet with a song.
Shelbyville, Ill. Alonzo Leora Rice.

MUSINGS.

(To Mr. Vassar.)

It must be sweet to simply close the eyes
And feel an angel presence hovering near;
To see a portal through the vaulted skies,
And view the spirit forms to memory dear:

And sweet to backward roll the conscious tides,
Oblivious of all earthly shade or sun,
And peer into the realm where love abides,
And all who enter hear the words "well done".

It must be sweet to watch the Guiding Star
That seems to almost touch our mortal land,
And look across the fields of snow that are
Reminders of the goodness of His hand.

It must be sweet to write such sacred themes,
To sit and think and muse away the hours;
To close the eyes and pass in peaceful dreams
To Eden and the Paradise of Flowers.

Center Point, W. Va. Dan Sweeney

LONGING FOR SPRING.

She knelt by my side, a fair young girl,
But her gaze was fixed on the outer world.
She paused ere she said with saddened air,
Oh! mother, the trees are almost bare,
But, oh! how happy, how happy I'll be
When the beautiful leaves shall again deck the [tree]

I gazed on my child as she knelt by me there,
And breathed to heaven an earnest prayer,
Whether joy or sorrow the future may bring,
She ever may rest 'neath the shade of God's [wing].

That ever and always her song may be,
Oh! I am so happy that Jesus leads me.
Randolph, Vt. Mrs. A. J. Foster.

THE PAINTER.

The sun like an archangel arose from dreams,
And stretched his crimson appparelled arms upward
And yawned, red with the exertion.
He then sat up on his couch of purple and looked
And oh! his face was beautiful! [about;
With a rosy hand he took the morning star down
And placed it back for tonight. [and blew it out

Methought then he laughed and drank the morning
And began to paint. [dew,
He daubed the Sunflower as one amused,
But the Violet and the Rose he painted tenderly,
And he painted a universe of color on a tiny globe
That spun from a cascade.
So he painted all day perfectly and went to sleep
In the western room of his studio.

Orrville, Ala. J. M. Ballantyne.

LITTLE BLESSINGS.

Down in the woods by a running brook,
Where the sun plays hide and seek,
I one day went and my sorrows took,
In spirit both lonely and weak.
But a little bird came and sat on a bough,
Singing a song so sweet and gay,
That some way or other, I don't know how,
It drove my sorrow away.
It is not always big blessings we gain,
But small ones in disguise,
That smooth our pathways, ease our pains,
And lift our souls to the skies.
The murmuring winds, the half-blown flowers,
And the songs of happy birds
Change sorrowing days to golden hours,
Are to me God's own words.

Sherman Mills, Me. Mrs. Jerry Ingalls.

CHEERFUL SIDE OF LIFE.

Some things are said that make us glad,
And really cause us laughter;
We dislike things that make us sad,
'Tis joys of life we're after.
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BETTY.

Written by Dorothy Lintner.

WHAT THE LITTLE BROOK GAVE BETTY.

It was a beautiful day, although very warm; the sun was shining brightly, and the birds were chirping gaily.

Betty was very happy. She had lived at her new home for two months. The little brook was her favorite haunt, for she was not acquainted with her neighbors yet. This day Betty was sitting in a hammock under two large Oak trees watching the birds in the trees, and making clover wreaths.

She could see over the low shrubbery, and a boy in ragged clothes was coming up the walk toward her. She arose, wondering what the stranger boy could want. He came up to her, took his cap in his hands, twisting it, and said: "Miss Betty, why—why—m—my sister is sick; could I—I—have some flowers for her?"

"Why—sure," answered Betty, a little surprised at the boy.

"It would help her so much if you would, Miss Betty," said the boy.

"May I come and see her?" asked Betty, as she was picking some of her favorite flowers.

"But we are not rich like you."



THE WOODBINE-CLAD WILLOW TREE.

"That does not matter; hold these while I go and ask mother."

Betty ran into the house, soon returning with permission. "I can go with you."

"You are kind, Miss." That was all the lad could say. They walked on in silence, each too timid to start a conversation. Betty was quite surprised when the boy led the way to a small cottage not very far from her home. She never thought of anybody living so near, whom she could visit.

They entered the room. It was very poorly furnished, but was kept very clean; the bare floor was as white as snow.

"Richard, is that you?" asked a weak voice from the cot.

"Yes, Sis, and Miss Betty has come to see you."

"To see me!" exclaimed the child.

"Yes, dear, and here are some flowers for you," said Betty, sitting by the cot.

"For me!" and the little girl took the flowers in her arms and hugged them.

"Where is your mother, dear?" asked Betty.

"Working for us, and I can't help."

"Then you'r all alone!"

"Richard is with me."

"Oh! yes, I forgot," said Betty, looking at the boy.

The little girl moved about in her cot. "I will try and make you more comfortable," said Betty, as she started to straighten the pillow. The girl did not object, and after Betty had her more comfortable she began to tell her the story of the "Blue Bird." Betty talked till the pretty blue eyes had closed, and the little girl had gone to the land of dreams.

When Betty started to go she handed the boy a coin, and said, "Be good to your sister, Richard!" and then ran out of the door, not giving him a chance to speak.

She soon reached home feeling quite happy, and ran down to the brook before going into the house. She sat down on the bank near the Woodbine-clad leaning Willow, and watching the little stream trickling over the pebbles, when she saw something glistening in the water.

"What could it be?" thought Betty, pulling off her shoes and stockings. She stepped into the water and picked up the object. "Why, it's a ring!" said Betty aloud to herself, and she looked it over and over. It had once had three sets, but only two were left.

She took her tiny treasure and ran towards the house, but met her grandmother in the path.

"What have you there, Betty?"

"Oh! grandmother, I found it in the brook," exclaimed Betty, very much excited.

"Why, Betty, can it be possible!"

"What, grandmother?"

"Why, this is the ring your mother had when she was about sixteen. She lost it, and felt very bad about it, because it was an old relic; and to think you found it, Betty, after all these years!"

"And to think I found it for her! Won't she be glad!" said Betty, very much pleased.

"Ah! Betty, her hand has long outgrown it, I am sure. You may keep it for your own."

"For my very own?" asked Betty.

"Yes, dear; was once Queen Elizabeth's ring, and through generations has been handed down to us."

"Now it is my very own?" asked Betty again.

"It is yours, Betty, dear; now let's go and tell your mother."

Betty went with her grandmother up the path, feeling that the little brook had given up its best treasure.

[To be continued.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

From California.—Mr. Park. Here in California we do not keep plants in the house, as we have flowers all winter outside. I have a lovely climbing Rose, General Wooton, which is infested with a curious large, soft insect that has become very numerous. I have tried to keep them picked off. They do not seem to travel around very much. I have cut off all the leaves and burned them. They are mostly on the stems when large, but I found many small ones along the ribs of the leaves. Mrs. A. Scott.

National City, Calif., R. 1, Jan. 18, 1916.

[Note.—Spray the infested Rose with lime-sulphur solution, using one part solution to fifteen parts water. Before applying add an ounce of arsenate of lead to each gallon of the material.—Ed.]

Bicycle Popularity.—In Holland the bicycle never lost its popularity as a vehicle of pleasure and profit, as in America. This is as it should be, for the bicycle is a truly wonderful invention for saving time, labor and money. The automobile is more or less uncertain, and, especially since the rise in gasoline, is a very expensive luxury, and not economical as a means of travel; but the bicycle is always ready, is inexpensive, and its use is beneficial as physical exercise, delightful as sport, and in business of a nature to which it is adapted is an efficient and profitable aid. Now that good roads are to be found almost everywhere the improved lightweight, easy-running, handsome-appearing bicycles of modern construction deserve renewed popularity, and from the present trend of the public mind we shall soon see this convenient, useful and economical vehicle in general use again. It fully merits all that can be said in its praise.

EXCHANGES.

Mrs. Fred. Bogert, Donnellson, Ia., has various plants for Lorraine Begonia and Skeleton Leaf Ger.

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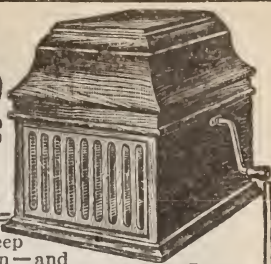
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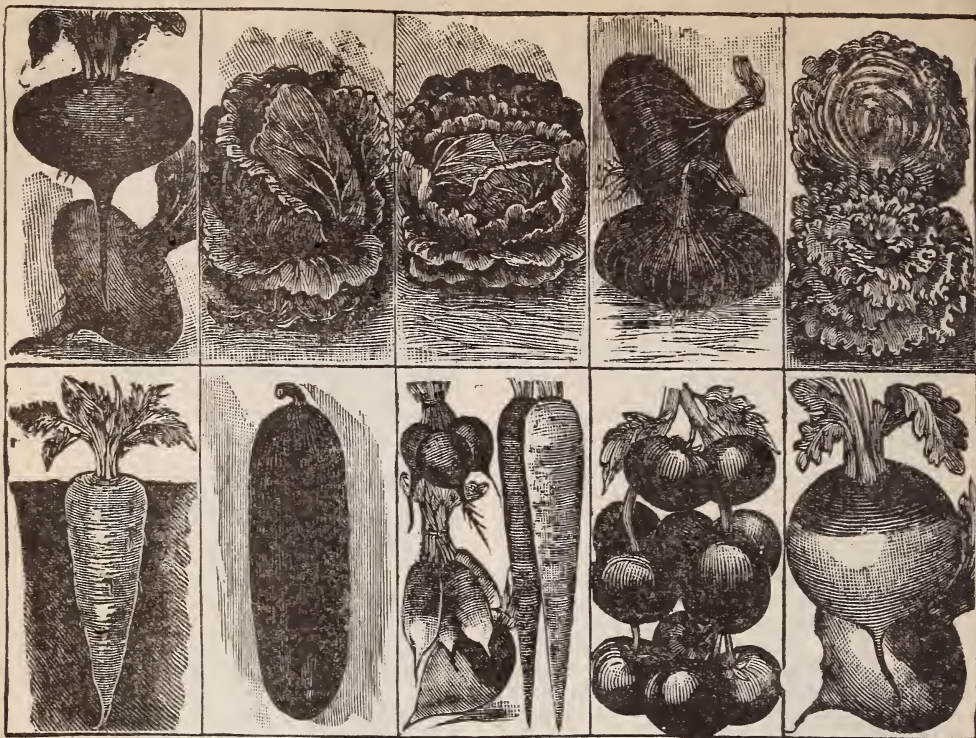
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GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lancaster Co., Pa.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park: I am a girl 11 years old and enjoy reading your Magazine very much, especially the Children's Corner. Mother and I watch for the postman and try to see which one can read it first. I like to read the letters about cats and birds, as I am a lover of both. For pets we have a cow named Fanny, a calf named Baby, and a white cat named Spot. Mother says my cat is lazy. I don't care so it don't catch birds. I have never seen it catch one. But I'll tell you what a neighbor boy did. He bought a rifle, and one afternoon he killed over 30 birds around our home. And he stayed at home one day from his work and lost his job, which was to help support his mother. Then, while out killing more birds, he shot through a window and shot a woman. I think that is more cruel than the cats. I love flowers. The Violets make me think of playing "hide and seek," as I seek for them under their leaves. The Rose is my favorite; that is my mother's name, if she does call me "Red-head, gingerbread, not worth a five-cent cabbage-head." My father died when I was four years old, but I have a step-father whom I love as if he was my own, I think. I have a step-brother who is kind to me, but he joined the army. He sent me a silk handkerchief bordered with little tiny flags of all nations, which I appreciate. We want to go to the country to live on our farm next year. Mother says she wants to get a full supply of your seeds then, as she can't grow much here. I will answer Flossie Hazelip's riddle in January Magazine: "What goes around the house all day and sits in the corner at night?" It is your shoes. What is this: White as snow and snow 'tis not, green as grass and grass 'tis not, red as blood and blood 'tis not, black as ink and ink 'tis not? Mother and I are going to get up a club for the dear little Magazine. I will close, hoping to find a little space in the Corner.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park: I am a 12-year-old country girl and live on the farm with my father and mother. I am so glad to see spring open up again that I don't know what to do. The trees are budding out and the fruit trees are blooming, but I believe the cold weather is going to kill them all. School was out the 17th of March. I finished the sixth grade. We have some mighty pretty flowers in our yard. We have nine box plants and expect to get some more. Mamma has a friend who sends her your little Magazine and has sent it for about two years.

Nellie Gillispie.

Pedlar Mills, Va., Apr. 19, 1916.

Dear Mr. Park: I am a girl 12 years old, and a subscriber of your Magazine. Though living in the city our house is well situated, as it stands on the highest part of Jersey City Heights, near the edge of a hill, overlooking different cities of New Jersey and the great city of New York. At night, when all the electric lights are lit in the high buildings of New York, especially the Woolworth building, it is too beautiful to describe. Although we are living here five years, we never get tired of the grand view. We also see the stately Hudson River flowing by, and before the terrible European War broke out we could see the largest ocean steamers of all nations going past every day. But now very few steamers sail. All the docks of Hoboken are filled with Germany's interned steamers, and from our kitchen window we can see the largest steamer of the world, named the Vaterland. The only thing we miss most of all is a little garden, for I do love flowers and pets. But being a flat house, with many families, it is hard to have anything like that.

Anita Hansgen.

Jersey City, N. J., 240a Palisade Ave., Apr. 7.

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Window Plants.



Abutilon, in variety

Anna, pink
Champion
Eclipse
Golden Ball
Hybrida Maximum
Mesopotamicum, red
Royal Scarlet
Striata Splendida
Thompsoni Plena
Vitifolium, hardy

Note.---Abutilons are often called flowering Maples. They bloom freely and continuously, the flowers being bell-shaped and of many fine colors. They thrive in pots and bloom well in winter as well as summer. A. Mesopotamicum is a fine, free-blooming climber for the window.

Acalypha triumphans

Bicolor
Macafeana
Margidata
Sanderli

Note.---Acalypha triumphans is a grand foliage plant, the colors contrasted like autumn leaves. Fine for beds South, and does well in the window North. If you love foliage plants, add this to your list.

Achania malvaviscus

Achyranthus, For mosum, yellowish green
Gileoni, pinkish green
Lindeni, bronzy red
Emersoni, pink and bronze
Bestermosta, pink, yellow and green, richly veined, beautiful.

Agapanthus, Nile Lily
Agathaea Monstrosa, blue
Ageratum, Victoria Louise

Blue Perfection
Dwarf, dark blue
Dwarf, white
Imperial Dwarf White
Little Dorrit, yellow
Mex. Scarlet Gem
Swanley, blue, azure
Wendlandi

Alstroemeria aurantiaca

Alternanthera, red

Golden leaved

Jewel or Brilliantissima

Note.---Jewel or Brilliantissima is a very attractive plant, the long, narrow leaves being rich carmine, sometimes veined bronzy green. It's the finest.

Amomum Cardamomum

Note.---This is a handsome, delicately-scented foliage pot plant of easy culture.

Angelonia grand. alba

Grandiflora, rose

Anomatheca cruenta

Anthericum liliastrum

Antholyza, from S. Africa

Antigonon leptopus

Antirrhinum (Snapdragon)

Romeo

Semi-dwarf, carmine

Semi-dwarf, rose

Semi-dwarf, scarlet

Venus, tall

Aristolochia elegans

Arum cornutum

Asclepias atrosanguinea

Asclepias Curassavica



Asparagus plumosus

Blampiedi

Common garden

Tenuissimus

Sprengeri, for baskets

Asparagus

Superbus, fern-like

Plumosus robustus

Note.---A. Superbus is a new, and very beautiful Asparagus obtained from Italy; has splendid foliage. The popular Asparagus plumosus is the lovely "Lace Fern," so much prized as a window plant. A. decumbens is a new and elegant drooping sort.

Aspidistra lurida, green

Auricula, Belgian

Note.---The Belgian Auriculae are splendid pot plants of the Primrose order, the flowers bright, in fine clusters, and very beautiful. I offer well-rooted plants that will please you.

Begonia, flowering, Foliosa

Alba Perfecta grandiflora

Argentea guttata

Caroline Lucerne

Child of Quedlinburg

Decorus, splendid

Erfordia, fine

Note.---Begonia Erfordia is an excellent pink-blooming sort, always showy with lovely flowers. Of easy culture. Fine winter bloomer.

Dewdrop

Gloire d'Cheltenham

Haageana

Marguerite

Marjorie Daw

Mrs. Townsend, pink, fine

Nitida alba

Prima Donna, bright red

Pres. Carnot, beautiful

Begonia, Picta Rosea

Robusta, light pink, good

bloomer, strong grower

Rubra

Rex, Clementine

In variety

Sandersoni

Semperflorens, red

Semperflorens Fireball

Lubeca Red

Vulcan

Thurstonii

Vernon, red

Weltoniensis, cut-leaf, a

fine easily-grown sort

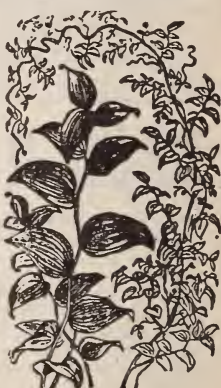
Ridens Dahlioides

Bosea Yervamora

Bougainvillea glabra

Note.---Bougainvillea glabra is a gorgeous hardy

vine South, but a showy pot plant North. Its fine big purple clusters are wonderfully attractive. I offer good plants.



Boston Smilax, lovely vine

Myrtifolia, new, fine

Browallia elata, blue

Rozelii, azure

Speciosa, large blue

Brugmansia Suaveolens

Note.---Brugmansia Suaveolens is a grand flowering shrub. Bedded out in summer it blooms freely, and bedded in the greenhouse it blooms almost continuously. Requires a frost-proof place in winter.

Bryophyllum Calycinum

Caladium Esculentum

Calampelis scaber carmin.

Calceolaria scabiosaefolia

Calla, spotted-leaf

White, the common sort

Campanula garganica

Campylobotrys Regia

Campor Tree

Capsicum Chameleon

Miniature, mixed

Carex Japonica, Jap'n grass

Carica papaya

Cassava, Manihot Aipi

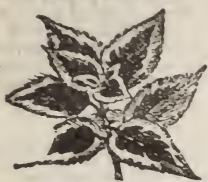
Celastrus Arcturus

Cestrum laurifolium

Parqui

Cheiranthus Semperflorens

Christmas Cactus
Chrysanthemum frutescens
Comtesse de Chambord
Chrysolora, yellow
Maj. Bonifon, yellow
White Cloud, white
Cineraria hybrida, rose
Flesh colored
Striped; also Crimson
Self colors mixed
Incarnata
Rosa
Striata
Polyantha
Alba
Citrus trifoliata
Clerodendron Balfourii
Cobaea scandens, vine



Coleus, Benary's mixed
Red Glow, gold and pink
Firebrand, brown with pink
Golden Bedder, golden
Laciniated, mixed
Lord Palmers
Ruby, bright red
Salicifolius, Parrot, new
South Park Gem
Spotted Gem
Tam O'Shanter
Trailing Gem, a new trailing sort; fine for baskets; color pink, green and chocolate
Verschaffelt, a fine bedder
Willow-leaved,
Abbottsford
American Beauty
Aurora
Enchantress
Golden Glow
Sunset
Commelynna Sellowiana
Blue, also Rose
Convolvulus Aureus Superbus, the beautiful yellow Morning Glory
Crape Myrtle, crimson, pink
Crassula cordata, succulent
Crotalaria retusa
Cuphea platycentra, segar flower, red and black
Miniata, pink, azure thro't
Strigulosa, light red
Note.—Cuphea platycentra is free and everblooming in pots or beds in summer, and blooms well in winter in the window.



Cyclamen, Album
Dark Red
Emperor William, red
Fimbriatum
Giganteum album
Giganteum, mixed
James Prize, pink
Mt. Blanc, white
Persicum Partillo, mixed
Roseum superbum
Rokoko, mixed
Unversum
Violacea, violet

Cyperus alternifolius,
Water Palm
Cypella Herbertii
Dahlia, Cuban Giant, red
Queen Mary, pink
Agnew, pink
Clifford Bruton, yellow
Enormous, scarlet
Cactus, yellow
" Juliette, pink
" Variegated
Daisy, Marguerite, single, white
Marguerite, yellow
Double, white
Dolichos lignosis
Tuberosus, new vine
Echium Creticum
Plantagineum
Eranthemum pulchellum, blue, winter-blooming
Erythrina Crista Galli
Eucalyptus Resinifera
Citrodora, fragrant
Viminalis
Eucomis punctata, a bulb
Eupatorium serrulatum
Riparium, white
Weinmannianum
Euphorbia heterophylla
Jacquinieflora, vine
Variegata
Splendens
Note.—This is the Crown of Thorns. The plants are thorny, and bear lovely, waxy carmine clusters in winter. Sure to bloom.

Ferns, Amerpohlii, lace-like
a beautiful pot plant for window; easily grown
Boston
Scholzei, dwarf
Compacta, also Scotti
Ferraria Canariensis
Grandiflora alba
Pavonia speciosa
Ficus repens, a lovely creeper, attaches to and covers walls in the South.
Frankenia Ericifolia
Fuchsia, Black Prince
Gottinger, new, fine
Little Prince
Monarch Single
Speciosa
Geranium, Fancy Leaved
Happy Thought
Geraniums, Zonale, single
White, rose, pink, scarlet and crimson
Double, white, rose, pink, scarlet, crimson
Ivy-leaved, white, rose, pink, scarlet, crimson
Scented-leaved in variety
Grevillea robusta
Guava, common, doz. \$1.00
Cattleyana
Note.—The Common Guava is a fine fruiting plant South, and a fine pot plant North, where it fruits well. It is a handsome evergreen, and bears delicious fruit. The Cattleyana Guava is also good.

Heliotrope, white, light blue, dark blue
Cyclops, large-flowered
Reine Marguerite, white
Madame Brunt
Roi des noirs
Louise Delaux
Frau Lederle
Purple
Note.—Heliotropes do well bedded out, blooming all summer, and perfuming the entire garden.

Heterocentron album
Hibiscus, Peach Blow
Coccinea, rich scarlet
Double Pink
Double Dark Red
Grandiflora, Double Red
Rosea grandiflora
Versicolor
Note.—The Chinese Hibiscus is a splendid pot plant, blossoming summer and winter, the flowers large and rich-colored. Peachblow is a favorite sort. Does well bedded out.

Hydrangea Hortensis
New French LaLorraine
Mousseline, blue
Mullerii, white
Impatiens Sultani, Carmine
Bright Salmon
Coccinea, scarlet
Dark Pink
Enchantress Pink
Light Carmine
Rose-pink
Salmon, also Purple
Violacea, dark violet
White with pink eye
Ipomoea grandiflora, purple, everblooming vine
Ipomopsis, mixed
Coronopifolia
Ivy, Irish or Parlor
Note.—The Irish or Parlor Ivy will grow in dense shade, and is a good vine to festoon a room, or to cover a wall that is always hidden from the sun. It is of rapid growth.



Justicia sanguinea
Velutina
Jasmine Revolutum, yellow
Arabicum
Gracillimum, white
Prunifolium, flesh
Kenilworth Ivy
Note.—I offer fine plants of this Ivy. For baskets or vases in a window or place entirely excluded from direct sunlight it is unsurpassed. It droops charmingly over the edge, and blooms freely. It is also good for carpeting a bed of Gladioli or other plants.

Lantana, Yellow Queen
Aurora, crimson
Gogal, also Amiel
Francine, yellow tipped lilac
Jaune d'Or, yellow-red
Craigii, dwarf Orange
Leo Dex, yellow and red
Delicatissima, pink
Weeping
Harkett's Perfection
Seraphire, red and pink
Note.—Lantana Delicatissima, the so-called Weeping Lantana, is always covered with its lovely pink clusters. Bedded out in Florida it blooms summer and winter, as it will bear severe frost. At the North it is a fine pot plant.

Lavatera arborea variegata
Lemon Verbena
Libonia Penrhosiensis
Lobelia Hambergia
Barnard's perpetual
Erinus pumila splendens
Compacta Snowball
Tenuior, large, blue
Lopesia rosea, Mosquito
Plant, fine winter bl'mer
Lophospermum scandens
Mackaya Bella, red flowers
Lotus peliorhynchus atrococcineus
Madeira Vine
Malcolmia Littorea
Mandevillea suaveolens
Manettia bicolor, vine
Note.—Manettia bicolor has pretty red and yellow flowers in abundance. It is a window vine that should be more popular, as anyone can grow it.

Maurandya, mixed
Mesembrianthemum grandiflorum
Metrosideros, Bottle Brush
Mimulus moschatos, dwarf
Luteus
Moon vine, white
Muehlenbeckia repens
Myosotis semperflorens,
Nagelia hybrida
Nasturtium minus, scarlet
Double Red
Double Yellow
Tuberosum, scarlet
Nicotiana Affinis, mixed
Sanderi, mixed
Ocimum, Sweet Basil
Oleander, pink, white
Lillian Henderson
Opuntia variegata
Ficus Indica
Othonna crassifolia
Oxalis, Golden Star
Floribunda, white
Floribunda, pink
Rosea, rose
Palm, Phoenix tenuis
Brahea filamentosa
Pritchardia
Robusta
Chamaerops excelsa
Phoenix reclinata
Sabal Palmetto
Passiflora Pfordti
Peltaria Alliacea
Pentstemon cordifolium
Gentianoides
Peperomia maculosa
Pepper, Celestial
Peristrophe angustifolia
variegata; beautiful
Petunia, Single, in variety
Double, mixed
Overall
Violet Spray
Asparia
Vesuvius
Educi
Splender
Defender
Double White
Compacta magnifica
Phalaris, Ribbon Grass
Phrynum variegatum
grandiflora alba
Pilea, Artillery Plant
Pilogyne suavis, vine
Pittosporum undulatum
Tobira
Plumbago Capensis
Capensis alba
Primula, Kewensis, yellow
Chinensis Fimbriata
Alba and Rubra
Alba Magnifica
Duchess
Fern-leaved, mixed
Fimbriata Coccinea
Kermesina Splendens
Lilacina, also Pyrope
Marmorata
Striata, Coccinea, Lutea
Floribunda, yellow
Gigantea, mixed
Malacoides, lilac, fine
Obconica grandiflora
Blood red, also blue
Crimson
Fringed, mixed
Rosea, also Rubra
Primula, Pulverulenta
Polyanthus, crimson
Verticillata
Psidium, common Guava
Cattleyana
Rivina humilis
Ruella Formosa, scarlet
Makoyana, bright rose
Note.—Ruella Makoyana is a lovely foliage plant and bears showy tubular carmine flowers in winter.

Russelia elegantissima
Salvia coccinea splendens
Coccinea nana compacta
Splendens compacta
Bonfire, large, scarlet
Gigantea, very large
Giant Scarlet, splendid
Rameriana
Silver Spot
Zurich, fine scarlet
Santolina
Lavender Cotton
Saussevera Zeylanica
Saxifraga sarmontosa
Decipiens

Note.—*Saxifraga sarmentosa* is a lovely plant in foliage and flowers, sometimes called Strawberry Geranium. It is fine for baskets, and thrives in moist shade.

Schinus molle, Pepper Tree
Sea Onion, *Ornithogalum*
Sedum Kamschatcicum
Sieboldi variegata
Selaginella Maritima, Moss
Sempervivum, fine mixed
Sencio petasites
Solanum grandiflorum
Betaceum
Hendersoni, new
Lobellii
Melongena fancy
Nagasaki, early
Pseudo-capsicum
Nanum
Rantonetti
Seaforthianum
Wendlandii

Sollya heterophylla
Stapella variegata
Stevia Eupatoria
Serrata, also *Variegata*
Strobilanthes Anisophyllus
Dyerianus, metallic red
Surinam Cherry, evergreen

Note.—*Surinam Cherry* is a charming evergreen Japanese plant, the leaves shining as if varnished. It produces clusters of scarlet edible cherries, succeeding the white flowers. In Florida it is planted for its fruit, being hardy there.

Swainsonia alba
Stock, Ten Weeks
Giant of Nice
Summer Excelsior
Thunbergia grandiflora
Alata, mixed
Oderata, white

Note.—*Thunbergia grandiflora* is a splendid rapid climber, beautiful in foliage and surpassingly handsome in flower. The flowers are large, exquisite blue, borne in continuous-blooming clusters. In Florida it is a grand porch vine; at the North it is easily grown in pots.

Tigridia, white, yellow, red
Tropæolum minus, red
Tuberosum, scarlet
Tradescantia, green and white
Multicolor, brown and pink

Tuberosa, variegated
Valerianella congesta
Verbena Gigantea mixed
Blue, white, pink
Verbena, Firefly, scarlet
Venosa, cut foliage
Veronica Imperialis
Syriaca, pretty, blue
Vinca rosea, red, white
White, red eye
Wallflower Kewensis, yellow, fine winter bl'mer
Parisian, mixed

Water Hyacinth, aquatic
Note.—A curious lovely water plant, suitable for an aquarium; easily grown; floats upon the water.

Watsonia, Bugle Lily
Wonder Berry, for fruit
Zephyranthes rosea

Hardy Plants.

Acanthus mollis latifolius
Achillea, *Ageratum*
Grandiflora
Filipendula, yellow
Millefolium rubrum
Ægopodium podagraria
Agrostemma coronaria
Red, white, rose
Alisma Plantago, aquatic
Anemone Japonica
Honorine Jobert, white
Queen Charlotte
Rosea, also *Alba*
Pennsylvanica

Alyssum, *Rostratum*
Anthericum Lil. major
Anthemis Kelwayi
Nobilis, *Chamomile*
Tinctoria
Apios Tuberosa
Aquilegia, in variety
Californica hybrida
Canadensis
Chrysanthia, white
Chrysanthia, yellow
Coerulea, blue
Coerulea hybrida
Caryophyllioides fl. pl.
Double white
Flabellata
Grandiflora alba
Jaetschaui, also *Pink*
Rocky Mountain, blue
Rocky Mountain, yellow
Single white, also red
Skinneri, striped

Arabis alpina
Arenaria Montana
Arisæma triphylla
Aristolochia tomentum
Armeria maritima
Cephalotes
Artemisia lactiflora
Artichoke, green, French
Asarum Canadensis
Asclepias tuberosa
Atrosanguinea, red
Cornuti, pinkish, fragrant
Curassavica
Incarната, pink
Aster, hardy, mixed
Hardy Blue, also *Pink*
Hardy Purple

Aubrietia Eyrli, violet
Deltoides, lilac
Hendersonii
Graeca, dwarf, blue
Bouganvillei, dark blue
Purpurea, purple
Leichtlinii, carmine
Baptisia Australls
Bellis Daisy, Double Giant
white, rose, red
Ranunculiiflora white
Bocconia cordata
Boltonia glastifolia
Bupthalmum cordifolium
Calamus acorus
Callirhoe involucrata
Calystegia pubescens fl. pl.
the pretty Camellia vine
Sapientum, single, rose
Canterbury Bell, blue, rose, white, azure

Cæsia, blue
Carnation, Margaret, white, striped, red, rose, yellow
French Picotee, double
Guillaud, double, fine
Canarina Campanula
Cassia Marilandica
Cerastium grandiflorum
Biebersteinii
Centaura Montana
Imperialis
Chelone barbata, scarlet
Glabra compacta

Chrysanthemum in variety
Maximum Etoile d'Anver
Single, new hardy, mixed
Bohemia, golden
Hardy Crimson, crimson
Julia LaGravere, crimson
Mrs. Porter, bronze
Prince of Wales, white
Salem, rose-pink

Note.—*C. Etoile d'Anvers* grows five feet high, and is the finest of *Shasta* Daisies; big white gold-centered flowers in abundance throughout autumn. A grand hardy perennial.
Cimicifuga, Snakeroot
Cineraria Maritima Diamond, silvery foliage
Cinnamon vine
Citrus trifoliata
Clematis paniculata
Flammula
Virginiana, also *Vitalba*
Compass Plant, *Silphium*
Coreopsis Lanceolata
Grandiflora Eldorado
Crucianella stylosa

Dianthus Deltoides, Baby
Atrococcineus
Count Kerehove
Cyclops rubra
Fireball, scarlet
Neglectus
Plumarius Scoticus
Snowball, pure white
Dictamnus fraxinella
Red, white
Diclytra eximia
Digitalis, Foxglove
Gloxinoides, fine
Grandiflora
Iveryana, spotted
Lutea, yellow
Monstrosa, fine

Note.—I have fine plants of Foxglove, and can supply them in quantity if desired. They are lovely hardy perennials, and make a stately border or screen.

Echium plantagineum
Erigeron aurantiaca
Grandiflora
Erigeron, *Elatior*
Hybridus
Macranthus
Speciosus
Erodium Manescavii
Erysimum
Compact, golden
Eupatorium ageratoides
Incarната, purple
Serrulatum, white, fine
Eulalia Gracillima, striped
Zebrina, zebra-striped
Fragaria Indica
Funkia ovata

Fortunei
Sieboldii
Undulata variegata



Gaillardia grandiflora
Galega officinalis
Galtonia candicans
Genista tinctoria
Andreana
Germanica
Gentiana Andrewsii
Geranium Sanguineum
Maculatum
Gerbera Hybrida
Adnet's strain
Gerardia, New hybrids
Geum Atrosanguineum
fl. pl., splendid variety
Coccineum, Mrs. Bradshaw

Gilia coronopifolia
Glaucium, Burbank
New Double
Gypsophila Repens
Helenium Hoopsii
Helianthus tuberosus
Grandiflora fl. pl.
Rigidus, Dr. Beal
Oryzalis
Multiflorus fl. pl.
Maximilianus, late
Heliosis laevis
Pitcherianus

Hemerocallis, *Lemon Lily*
Thunbergii, later sort
Dumortieri, orange
Distichia double, blotched
Fulva, also *Kwanso fl. pl.*
Kwanso, 5 ft. high, showy

Note.—*Hemerocallis* is the Day Lily. All kinds are hardy, beautiful and of easy culture.

Hepatica triloba
Heracleum Mantegazzian
Heuchera Sanguinea
Large-flowered, mixed
Hibiscus, *Crimson Eye*
Mehani, white, rose, red

Note.—This bears immense showy flowers in huge clusters; plant six to eight feet high, blooming freely in

autumn. Botanically known as *H. Coccineus splendens*.

Hoarhound, Herb
Hollyhock, annual, double, rose, blood red, crimson, white, black
Allegheny, fringed
Perennial, Chaters
Hycanthus candicans
Hypericum Moserianum
Ascyron, giant St. John's wort, 5 ft., large yellow, fragrant bloom

Iris, German Blue
May Queen
Cream yellow
Rosy Queen
Florentine, White
Blue, also *Purple*
Mme. Chereau, blue
Pallida Dalmatica, blue
Pseudo-acorus yellow, Siberica, mixed
Iris Kaempferi in variety
Pumila, yellow, blue and purple

Kudzu vine
Lamium maculatum, pink
Maculatum album, white
Lavatera Cashmeriana
Lavender, herb, true, hardy
Pinnata, pretty foliage
Leucanthemum California
Leonotis Leonurus
Lilium tigrinum, splendens
Umbellatum
Elegans rubrum
Pardalium
Thunbergianum

Lily of the Valley, Dutch
Fortin's Giant, fine
Linaria vulgaris
Dalmatica, yellow, 3 feet
Macedonica
Linum Perenne, blue, white
Flavum, yellow
Narbonense, blue
Lobelia syphilitica, blue
Lunaria biennis, Honesty

Atrosanguinea
White, also *Purple*
Lychnis Chalcædonica red
Chalcædonica, white
Coronaria, white, also *Crimson*
Viscaria splendens
Haageana hybrida
Lycium Trewianum, vine
Chinensis
Horridum, shrub
Vulgare

Lysimachia, Moneywort
Lythrum roseum
Salicaria
Malva Moschata alba
Capensis, lilac
Moschata rubra, red
Marselia, aquarium plant
Matricaria capensis
Menispermum Canadense, Moon vine

Michauxia campanulata
Monarda didyma
Hybrida
Myosotis Palustris, blue
Semperflorens
Distinction, also *Royal Bl*
Ruth Fischer
Stricta, rose
Alpestris, rose
Distinction
Victoria, white

Nepeta, Catnip
Oenothera Lamarckiana
Youngii
Onopordon Salteri
Pæony, *Officinalis*, red
Chinese, white, pink, red
Pansy Cattleya-flowered
Red, *Blue*, *Variegated*, *Yellow*, *Black*, *White*, *Azure*, *Striped*, *Bl'ched*

Parsley, Moss curled
Beauty of the Parterre, a charming table plant
Pardanthus, Blackby Lily
Peas, *Perennial*, red, rose
White, pink
Peppermint
Phalaris, ribbon-grass

Phlox, von Lassburg, white
Boule de Niede, white
Faust, Lilac
Picotee, mixed
Pinks, hardy, in sorts
Cyclops rube
Double Glove-scented
Double, Scoticus
Plumous albus pl.
Platycodon, blue, white
Platycodon, double white
Double blue, also Mariess
Macranthum Majus
Plumbago, Lady Larpent
Podophyllum peltatum
Pokeberry, Phytolacca
Polygonum multiflorum
Baldschuanicum
Cuspidatum
Polygonatum biflorum
Poppy Nudicaule, mixed
Dark red
Princess Victoria, per.
Royal Scarlet, per.
Potentilla formosa
Hybrid, double
Willmottiae
Primula officinalis, yellow
Veris, single, hardy
Gold-laced, very fine
Prunella Webbiana
Ptermaia Pearl fl. pl.
Rehmannia angulata
Angulata hybrida
Rheum Collinianum
Rhubarb, Victoria
Rudbeckia, Golden Glow
Bicolor; semi plena
Fulgida variabilis
Newmanii, yellow
Purpurea, purple
Sullivanti, yellow
Trifolia

Note.—Rudbeckia Sullivanti is a glorious autumn flower, lasting for weeks. It should be in every garden.

Rocket, Sweet, tall, white
Tall, purple
Dwarf Lilac
Dwarf White
Rosemary, mint
Sage, Broad-leaved
Sagittaria variabilis
Sanguinaria Canadensis
Salvia Sclarea
Azorea grandiflora
Globosa, new
Praetensis, blue
Patens, blue

Note.—Salvia praetensis becomes a mass of rich blue in spring, and also blooms during summer and fall.

Santolina Indica
Saponaria Ocyroides
Officinalis, double
Saxifraga peltata
Decipiens

Scabiosa Japonica, fine blue
Caucasica, blue
Caucasica, white
Scutellaria baicalensis, blue
Sedum, for banks
Alzoon, also Ternatum
Acre, yellow, also White
Shasta Daisy, Alaska
Californica, yellow
Sidalcea, Rosy Gem
Silene orientalis compacta
Shafta, rose, fine
Siphium perfoliatum
Laciniatum
Snowflake
Solanum Dulcamara
Solidago Canadensis
Spear-mint, herb
Spirea Gladstone, white
Palmata elegans, lilac
Queen Alexandria, pink

Note.—Queen Alexandria grows a foot high, bearing elegant pink plumes; it is a beautiful herbaceous garden plant, and forces well in pots. I can supply fine clumps at \$2.50 per hundred, by express or freight, delivered here.

Star of Bethlehem
Stenactis speciosa
Stokesia cyanea, blue
Sweet William in variety
Nigricans, black
Margined, Hunt's Perf.
Pink Beauty
White double
Crimson single
Crimson double
White single, also Rose
Holborn Glory
Symphyandra Hoffmannii
Symphytum asperum
Syringocarpus foetidus
Syringa vulgaris
Tansy
Thyme, broad-leaf English
Summer
Thalictro, Meadow Rue
Dipterocarpum
Tradescantia Virginica
Tricorys Hirta, Toad Lily
Tunica saxifraga
Typha angustifolia
Valerian, fragrant, white
Scarlet; also Rose
Verbascum Ol ympicum
Blattaria
Pannosum
Phlomisoides
Veronica spicata, blue
Gentianoides
Longifolia
Prostrata, fine
Vernonia noveboracensis
Vinca, blue Myrtle
Vinca variegata, trailing
Viola, Lady Campbell
Cornuta Admirabilis
Cucullata, blue
Hardy white
Munbyana
Odorata, blue, fragrant
Pedata, early flowering
Thuringia, blue
Vittadendria triloba
Wallflower, Parisian
Red, Yellow
Dwarf Branching
Double, mixed
Harbinger
Kewensis
Ne-plus-ultra
Wormwood

Shrubs and Trees.

Abelia rupestris
Acer negundo
Ailanthus glandulosa
Akebia quinata, vine
Alnus serrulata
Althea, single

Note.—I can supply Althea by the thousand, mixed colors, for a hedge or screen. Only \$2.00 per hundred, or \$18 per thousand for fine plants, packed carefully and delivered at the express office here. The shrub is perfectly hardy, and blooms freely during summer and autumn.

Althea, double, in sorts
Amorpha fruticosa
Ampelopsis Veitchi
Quincefolia
Aralia pentaphylla
Balm of Gilead
Basket Willow
Benzoin odoriferum
Berberis Thunbergii
Vulgaris, green
Vulgaris purpurea
Bignonia grandiflora
Capreolata
Radicans

Boxwood, Buxus
Callicarpa Americana
California Privet

Note.—I can supply California Privet for hedges, fine two-year-old plants at \$1.50 per hundred, 500 for \$6.00, 1000 for \$11.00, packed and delivered at express office or station here. They are well-rooted and thrifty, and will grow readily, even if transplanted this month.

Calycanthus floridus
Præcox
Caragana Arborescens
Carpinus Americanus
Carya Porcina, Pig-nut
Shellbark
Catalpa Kæmperii
Bignonioides, Speciosa
Celtis, Sugar Berry
Occidentalis
Cerasus, Wild Cherry
Chionanthus Virginica
Cistus creticus
Monspiellensis
Cercis Canadensis
Celastrus scandens
Cissus heterophylla, vine
Colutea Arborescens
Cornus Sericea
Floridus, Dogwood
Flaviramea, gold stems
Stolonifera
Coronilla glauca
Corylus Americana, Hazel
Cottoneaster microphylla
Cydonia, Japan Quince
Cytisus laburnum
Alpinus
Desmodium penduliflorum
Dillenii
Deutzia gracilis
Crenata fl. pleno, rose
Lemolne
Pride of Rochester
Dewberry, Blackberry
Dimorphanthus mandschu.
Diospyrus virginica
Eucalyptus, Gunni, hardy
Globosus
Euonymus Americana
Euonymus Japonicus
Forsythia Viridissima
Suspensa (Sieboldii)
Fraxinus excelsa (Ash)
White, also Blue
Genista tinctoria
Triacantha, Honey Locust
Glycine Frutes., Wistaria
Honeysuckle, Hall's hardy
Reticulata aurea
Horse Chestnut
Hydrangea paniculata



Arborescens grandiflora
Note.—This is the splendid flowering shrub advertised as Hills of Snow. The heads are globular and of huge size. Everybody should have this grand shrub. \$2.50 per 100, expressed.

Ivy, English, green
Abbotsford, variegated
Variegated-leaved
Jasmine nudiflorum
Kerria Japonica fl. pleno
Koelreuteria paniculata
Ligustrum Amoor river
Ovalifolium, Cal. Privet
Ibotum, free-blooming
Lilac, white, also purple
Josikaea
Liquidamber, Sweet Gum
Lonicera Morrowii
Bush Honeysuckle
Lycium Chinese
Trewianum, Vulgare
Maple, scarlet
Sugar, also Cut-leaf
McClure, Osage Orange
Mulberry, black
Rubra, red; also Russian
Negunda aceroides, Ash
Maple
Nyssa Sylvatica, Gum
Paulownia imperialis

Pavia macrostachya, dwarf
Persimmon, American
Philadelphus grandiflorus
Coronarius, Mock Orange
Populus deltoides, Cottonwood, grows rapidly
Delatata, Lombardy
Balm of Gilead, Candic'ns
Pricei Berry, evergreen
Pride of India, Umbrella
Prunus, Morello Cherry
Serotina, Wild Cherry
Pussy Willow
Pyrus baccata, Berried Crab
Malis floribunda
Quercus Macrocarpa
Swamp White Oak
Raspberry, Purple-cap
Black-cap
Odorata, showy bloom
Red, everbearing
Rhamnus Carolinus
Rhus, Smoke Tree
Sumac, Rhus glabra
Ribes, Sweet Currant
Floridum, black.
Rhodotyus Kerrioides
Robinia, pseudo-acacia
Bessoniana, thornless
Hispidia, Sweet Pea Tree
Viscosa, late-flowering
Rosa Rugosa, Japan. Rose
Rosa Rubiginosa, Sw. Briar
Baltimore Belle
Rose, Crimson Rambler
Greville, Prairie Climber
Old Wall Rose, red, vine
Hiawatha, single, climb'g
Lady Gay, double " "
Prairie Queen
Setigera
Seven Sisters
Tennessee Belle
Wichuriana, white



Sambucus Canadensis
Cut-leaf; Everblooming
Racemosa, red berries
Spartium scoparium
Junceum
Sophora Japonica
Spiraea, Anthony Waterer
Callosa alba
Billardi, also Opulifolia
Prunifolia, white, early
Reevesii, double
Sorbillia, ash-leaved
Tomentosa, pink
Van Houtte, weeping
Stephanandra flexuosa
Sterculia Platanifolia
Sugar-berry or Hackberry
Symphoricarpos Racemosa
Vulgaris, Indian Currant
Tilia Americana, Linden
Europa grandiflora
Ulmus Americanus, Elm
Cork Elm
Viburnum Opulus
Vitus cordi, Frost Grape
Cognata, fine
Estivalis, for birds
Weigela floribunda rosea
Variegated-leaved
Willow for baskets
Willow White, also Lucida
Wistaria magnifica
Sinensis
Babylonica, Weeping W.
Yellow Wood, Cladrastis
Yucca aloefolia
Filamentosa

EVERGREENS.

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Juniper, Irish

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Lulu Barrick, Elk Garden, W. Va., has seeds of dbl. white Hollyhock, Sw. Williams, etc., for hardy Roses, Paonies, 'Mums, hardy shrubs, vines, etc. Write.

Mrs. E. M. Childress, Fountain Inn, S. C., has Violets, Cactus slips, Fairy Lilies, Jonquils, and Crinum seeds for Aquilegia, Platycodon, Delphinium, etc.

Mrs. Lou Kutsebara, Algona, Ia., has red, pink, old rose and yellow Dahlia bulbs for Gladiolus, 'Mums and other plants and seeds. Also has Strawberry plants.

Mrs. Hattie Stansbury, Coffeyville, Kans., has seeds of Clematis, Paniculata, Canas, etc., for Verbena seeds, Day Lilies, Bleeding Hearts, Per. Phlox, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Texas.—Mr. Park: It is needless to say how much I appreciate each number of your little paper. It is so much help and company. Especially have the flowers been a great comfort to me since the death of my husband. I placed two short exchanges in your paper last year, or rather in the fall of 1914. My I had no idea there were so many flower lovers, all as flower crazy as myself. Such a lovely lot of plants they did send me. I especially enjoyed the plants, as they are so hard to get to grow well here. Geraniums, three or four kinds, were in full bloom; Coleus, several kinds; a lovely Sultana; two Begonias; also a lovely Water Hyacinth, have all gone where my best flowers go. My old flower friends can imagine how I felt when, going to my flower pit one morning after a cold spell had passed, there were all my beauties frozen. A meddlesome rat had taken the trouble to make a hole on the north side, giving the north wind a fine entrance. A lady sent me a house Pink cutting which has been in bloom, and the ground froze, but it just kept right on growing, and is in full bud now. Purple Lilac, also, has done fine in this country. I wish to say to those living where it is hot and dry in summer: If you wish something that will be "a thing of beauty and joy forever," plant early-flowering Cosmos for a background, then Zinnias, Petunias, and Phlox for border. Vinca rosea is another plant that enjoys hot weather, and with its bright green leaves and lovely fresh-looking flowers it seems to say: "How thankful ought we to be for this lovely sunshine." We have a fine Wistaria which was full of blooms last spring. A Trumpet Vine just comes up from the old roots all around the house. German Carnations grow fine here. Two years ago I planted a package of seeds and raised several fine plants. I gave away some, and still have a fine lot in the yard. They stay green all winter. Cuthbert, Tex. Mrs. M. A. Berry.

From Georgia.—Mr. Park: Climbing Nasturtiums planted in spring on the east side of the house and trained on a trellis, bloomed all summer, lived all winter, and in March were covered with blooms, but died the last of April, as soon as warm weather came. The dwarf varieties bloom much earlier, but do not live through our long, hot, dry summers, while the tall ones do. Vinca major, growing in a large box on a north porch, ran down to the flower bed under the edge of the porch floor, took root, and grew dozens of little plants. It is hardy, and a lovely vine for winter or summer baskets, or for window or porch boxes. It has single purple blooms in early spring, very much like small Morning Glory blooms. M. M. W. Colquitt Co., Ga., Nov. 20, 1915.

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Dear Mr. Park: I am a farmer girl aged 11. I live on a farm of 80 acres. I go to school in the winter, and am in the seventh grade. I go a mile to school. We take your Magazine and have been taking it for five years. We are all lovers of flowers. This year I am going to make a bed of Pansies. Stella Gillaspay. Martinsville, Ind., Apr. 6, 1916.

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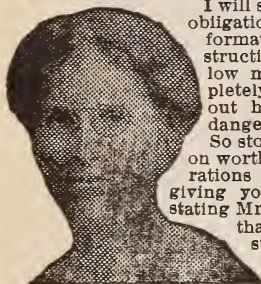
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Dear Mr. Park:—I want to tell you how much I appreciate your help through your little flower messenger, Park's Floral Magazine. My floral friends think I can cure all their plant troubles, but when they ask for help I say, "Park's Magazine tells me just what to do, and I do it, using some common sense of my own." I am writing this because I wish you to know how much your good work means to me. Mrs. F. S. Johnson.

Monte Vista, Col., Nov. 8, 1915.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have taken your Floral Magazine for 14 years, and wait for its arrival every month. It is so helpful to me in growing flowers that I shall never be without it as long as it is published. Mrs. H. L. Martin.

Festus, Mo., Nov. 11, 1915.

Mr. Park:—I have been a subscriber to your Magazine for many years, and am always delighted when I find it among my mail. I peruse it from cover to cover. I enjoy the letters so much, and I even read the Children's letters and find them interesting. Rachel Deacon.

Waverly, O., Jan. 8, 1916.

Mr. Park: I want to tell you how much I appreciate your Magazine. I think it is grand. You tell us so much about birds and flowers, and bring out such good and helpful lessons about them, showing us how we should be kind to everything. You teach us how God watches over His creatures, and how, because of His love thus shown, we should love everybody and every living and growing thing. May you live long to continue your noble work. Susie Mitchell.

Wriston, W. Va., Feb. 21, 1916.

Mistletoe Geranium.—A subscriber sends a leaf of "Mistletoe Geranium" for name. It is evidently a species of *Crassula*.

QUESTION.

Sun Dial.—Will someone tell me how to make a sun dial?—W. P. K.

EXCHANGES.

Mrs. Isabel Gale, Quilcene, Wash., has window and native plants for Old Button Rose, Lemon Lily, etc.

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Under this head I have inserted the names and addresses of persons who propose card exchanges, but many have complained that some do not respond. It is manifestly unfair and dishonest to propose an exchange and not respond to those who answer it.—Editor.

Mrs. Leslie L. Place, Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y.
 Amelia Petit, 5248 Laurel St., New Orleans, La.
 Fred Ritter, R. 3, Canton, O.
 Mayme Wolfe, 429 Hazle St., Tamaqua, Pa.
 Mary E. Jones, R. 1, Fallston, Md.
 Adele Thurston, Rockland, N. Y.
 Blanche Barry, Irasburg, Vt.
 Gladys M. West, Woodburn, Org.
 Goldie McKinstry, care Dan'l Stauffer, R. 3, Davison,
 Bessie Lefors, R. 2, Boyd, Tex. [Mich.
 Nina Morris, Eldorado, Ill.
 Tina Cunningham, R. 4, Buhl, Idaho.
 Margaret Ethel Bolinger, R. 2, Shelby, Ind.
 Roland C. Angst, Cameron Mills, N. Y.
 Russell W. Bradley, R. 1, Compton, Ill.
 Edna Brotherton, Ringgold, Ga.
 Muriel M. Allen, East Bethel, Vt.
 Edith Yeager, Kilmerton, Pa.
 Dorothy De Pro, Clyde, O.
 Ward Orndorff, Van Buren Furnace, Va.
 Leonard Skiles, Ringgold, Ga.
 Frances Newberry, R. 1, Eastwood, O.
 Katie Thompson, R. 1, Brashea, Tex.
 Cordella Reene, Martinville, Ark.
 Bessie Maddox, Martinville, Ark.
 Isabel Reene, Martinville, Ark.
 Mary E. Miller, Moreland, Ky.
 Elizabeth Tennant, Fairview, W. Va.
 Pauline D. Mertz, R. 1, Leighton, Pa.
 Mella C. Heading, R. 6, Oak Hill, O.
 Howard Linger, Tanner, W. Va.
 Blanche Himmelbright, Wheatfield, Va.
 Mary Lee Truman, R. 1, Pleasureville, Ky.
 Lillian Buckner, Defoe, Ky.
 Emma Moss, Greenwich, O.
 Ruby Reed, Westminster, Md.
 Margaret Mason, R. 1, Oxford, N. H.
 Leona Hamill, 605 John St., Newcastle, Pa.
 Mae Musick, R. 2, Brunswick, Mo.
 Mrs. John Bower, Martin, Mich.
 Bessie Coffey, Onelda, Tenn.
 Lillian Bornestein, Manistee, Mich.

Cats and Birds.—I am a lover of cats, dogs and birds, as well as of flowers, and certainly voice my ideas about the laws. I know from observation that men and boys, and oftentimes girls, will shoot a dear little bird just to try their skill with the gun. Let us have stricter bird laws—laws that will protect the beautiful native songsters from destruction. They are our garden friends, and add greatly to the cheer and happiness of country life. Mrs. S. C. Hammer.

St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., March 8, 1916.

[Note.—In most of the States there are strict laws against killing insectivorous birds, and a fine of from five to ten dollars is imposed for each offence. The trouble is that these laws are not enforced. There are game wardens for the various districts, but these men are often careless in prosecuting except such persons as kill a wild turkey, a deer, or a rabbit at an unlawful season. This is regarded as a great crime, and the law is strictly enforced. But to kill a little song-bird that is not included as "game" is looked upon by them as a trivial matter. Every offence should be reported to the game warden of the district, and he should be required, by fine or imprisonment, to execute the law. This would eliminate the odium of a personal prosecution, and quickly call forth the respect of those who carelessly handle a gun. Still more, those who keep cats to roam over the gardens and grounds day and night should be responsible for the fines imposed for the birds they kill.—Ed.]

Songs Wanted.—"Massa's Sleeping in de Church Yard." Also The Farmer's Boy, the first line of which is "Weary and lame a boy there came up to the farmer's door," and "Wait for the wagon and we'll all take a ride."

BRIEF ANSWER.

Mt. Hood Lily.—The Lily under this name inquired about in March Magazine by Mrs. Brant, of Iowa, is Lilium Washingtonianum. Douglas Co., Org., March 16, 1916. L. E. H.

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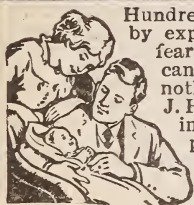
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CORRESPONDENCE.

From Tennessee.—Mr. Park: I find your little magazine very interesting and profitable. It circulates among a refined, cultured class. I found this out when I ran an exchange notice in same some time ago. I have just finished planting out a number of bulbs of various kinds. This is a new place, just opened up in the Tennessee Mountains, and I am trying my hand at a little landscape gardening. We have named it "Brookcroft," because it is hidden away in a beautiful mountain ravine, through which runs a stream, almost encircling the bungalow. The bridge piers over this creek are built of stone, and I have planted English Ivy about them. A rustic footbridge, connecting our yard with a fine spring, about a hundred feet away, has been built under some beautiful Hemlocks. The grounds about the spring are being prepared for flowers this summer. I hope to have Cannas, Gladiolus, Tulips, Narcissus, Chrysanthemums, etc., growing on spring grounds this summer. A rustic springhouse has been built over the spring, and nearby I am taking care of some Holly and Rhododendron bushes, which are doing nicely. Not far away Trailing Arbutus is beginning to peep out from among the fallen leaves. Soon our Dogwoods will be in blossom, and these and the Violets will be the forerunners of many other beautiful flowers which are shortly to follow. James D. Burton.

Roane Co., Tenn., Feb. 16, 1916.

From New York.—Mr. Park: I am one of the Cactus cranks, and still very partial to the homely plants. The large part of the Cactuses offered by dealers came from Mexico, and the restrictions of our Postoffice Department have hindered the business and caused dealers to go into other lines of business. I had a collection of 200 kinds, but have now only three or four dozens, and some succulents, such as Aloes, Gasterias, etc. Aloe variegata is a beautiful plant and has many offsets. The rarest plant I have is Lechtenbergia principis. I prize this for its rarity, not for its beauty. I lost Cereus Hankeanus; it was beautiful—a lovely blue. I have a blue Opuntia, of which I wish the name. On account of lack of space I prefer globular Cacti. My largest plant is Echinocactus Grusonii, nearly 27 inches in circumference. It does not get a drop of water all winter, and repays me in spring with a new growth of lovely yellow spines. Other favorites are Old Man Cactus and Anhalonia prismaticum. I like to watch the new tubercles force their way through the woolly growth on the top. Opuntia papyracanthus, with spines like strips of paper nearly as long as the little plant.



The only pest that troubles my plants is Mealybug; and after trying kerosene emulsion, whale-oil-soapsuds and other things, killing many with pure kerosene, I have come to the conclusion that hand-picking is the only safe cure, and that is very tiresome. The close-spined Cacti, such as Cereus Formosus, C. monstrosus and C. Peruvianus, were hard to cleanse, so I lost them. Sansevieria Zealanica is a succulent I highly recommend. It sends many sprouts from the roots, and requires almost no sun. It is a good all-round plant. Mrs. E. Lowdin.

Nassau Co., N. Y., Feb. 11, 1916.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From Ohio.—Mr. Park: I am planning a little garden close by the house, and shall have in it a sun dial, bird houses with bath, a glory arch, a summer house with table, seats and a couch, and the flowers I love best. Ever since I was a little girl I have been interested in gardens, and I shall have a fenced plot for my flowers—a garden with walks and flower-beds, where I can enjoy nature from early spring until winter. The thought of this garden has brightened some dreary days—the purpose and care of this garden of my dreams! The peace, rest, strength, praise, work, worship! A retreat, a refuge, a home for some of my flower friends! May the reality prove a blessing to others as the anticipation has been to me!

Oh, come, little friends of the air,
Build your homes and my garden share;
Sprinkle my flowers with light, wet wings,
Dipped in a pool from living springs.
And now the flowers to me most dear,
Let me gather around about me here,
With fruits and berries we love to eat.
Let me work and rest in shade and heat.
Mrs. Winnie Knapp.

Portage Co., Ohio, April 5, 1916.

From Washington.—Mr. Park: We came here from Arkansas two years ago. We live in the foothills of the Cascade and Rocky Mountains and cannot have many flowers, as the seasons are too short and the nights too cold. I long to go back to the South, where I can have all kinds of flowers in my yard and hear the birds sing. I hardly ever see a song-bird here. We had so many back home. Mrs. Lou Cox.
Okanogon Co., Wash.

From Texas.—Mr. Park: I enjoy reading the Floral Magazine very much each month, and often find therein some suggestion worth several times the price of the journal for a year. I love flowers and am trying to improve a five-acre tract, so as to make it ornamental as well as profitable, by planting both flowering trees and shrubs along with fruit trees and nut-bearing trees. I am gathering such things in this line from different parts of the country, and take great pleasure in watching them grow and come into bloom and bearing.

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Harris Co., Texas, Apr. 15, 1916.

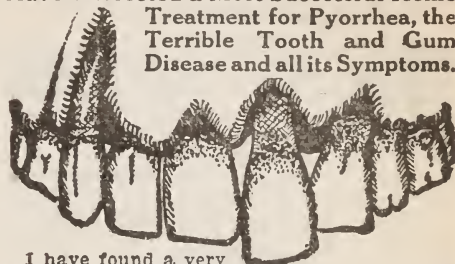
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run-down people who were ailing all the while, double and even triple their strength and endurance and entirely get rid of all symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles from 10 to 14 days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated like nuxated iron if you want it to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless. Many an athlete or prize-fighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endurance and filled his blood with iron before he went into the affray, while many another has gone down to inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron.

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On His head the dews of midnight
Fell long ago,
Now a crown of dazzling sunlight
Sits on His brow.

Once His voice in tones of pity
Melted in woe,
As He wept o'er Juda's city,
Long, long ago.

Jesus died, yet lives forever,
No more to die;
Bleeding Jesus, blessed Savior
Now reigns on high.

Now in Heaven He's interceding
For sinful man,
Soon He'll finish all His pleading,
And come again.

Budding fig trees tell the summer's
Dawn on the land;
Signs foretell that Jesus' coming
Is near at hand.

Children, let your light be burning,
In hope of Heaven;
Waiting for your Lord's returning,
At dawn or even.

As He comes a voice from Heaven
Shall pierce the tomb,
Come, ye blessed of my Father,
Children, come home.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From Ohio.—Mr. Park: Dahlias are my hobby, and I surely have some fine ones of all kinds and colors, many from seeds. My white and scarlet ones were in blossom from June till October, and I cannot begin to tell you how fine they were. I have plenty of other work, but



when parties are going to picnics, places where they have been dozen of times before, street car rides, moving pictures and many such pleasures, I take my small change and invest in seeds, plants and bulbs. I find that working outdoors is not only interesting and pleasing, but one of the best tonics. Such work makes one eat well, sleep well, and look well. My Asters were fine and my Salvias were grand. Ten cents' worth of seeds gave me so many fine plants I had them in mounds, bordered with white Petunias; in fact, I had them wherever I could stick them, and they were fine.

Mrs. C. Phillips.
Summit Co., O., Nov. 11, 1915.

From New York.—Mr. Park: One of my neighbors asked me to subscribe for your Magazine last spring and get the Gladiolus collection gratis. I did this, and every one who saw my blossoms were enthusiastic in their praise. The spikes of flowers were beautiful. The purple and white ones were especially so. You will notice I am sending subscriptions for four of my neighbors and the sister of one. "There's a reason"—my Gladiolus.

M. E. A.
St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., Oct. 18, 1915.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 10 years old and like country life, but don't enjoy working in the field, and as I am the baby I haven't worked so very much yet. My mother died nine years ago, and my father guards convicts at Fulshear, Tex. He comes home but once a year. Oh, my! when the day comes for him to come I am as happy as a Lark. Jennie Tipps.

Blum, R. 3, Tex.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's girl 12 years old and live on a farm of 150 acres. I live a mile and a quarter from school and go every day I can. I enjoy your little Magazine very much, especially the children's letters. I have a pet kitten named Topsy and a calf which we call Dorothy. I love to read and draw and paint, and write stories. We all love flowers and are going to try to raise a good many this year.

Eden, Md., Feb. 7, 1916.

Hazel Jocelyn.

Dear Mr. Park:—I like to read the Park's Floral Magazine, especially the letters. I live in a country town: I think flowers are very pretty. But house flowers and Roses are my favorites. Our Bridal Wreath and Burning Bush are very pretty. Lottie Nickels.

South Fork, Ark.

Dear Mr. Park:—We are little farm girls. 11 and eight years old, and we all like it very much. We have lots of flowers.

Eulah and Charlotte Harrod.

Celina, O., Apr. 16, 1916.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 10 years old. I have a little brother one year old. For pets I have a Bantam hen and rooster, and two Bantam chicks. My mother takes your little Magazine and likes it fine. I enjoy reading the Children's Corner. We have lots of flowers in the summer. I have no favorite flower. Here is a riddle:

In marble walls as white as milk,
Lined with hangings soft as silk;
Within a fountain crystal clear
A golden apple doth appear.
No doors are there to this stronghold,
Yet thieves break in and steal the gold.

Carthage, Mo., Apr. 15, 1916.

Belle Blank.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 13 years old, and live on a farm of 99 acres. Mamma takes your paper and we all like it very much. We live near the church and go every Sunday we can. I am a lover of flowers. My favorite ones are Carnations, Heliotropes and Roses. The ground is all covered with snow here now. The snow was so heavy on the Evergreen trees in our yard that it broke off two big limbs. We have a black collie dog named Handsome and a little brown one named Teddy. We had Arbor Day exercises at school Friday. I spoke a piece with 144 lines in it. I am in the eighth grade and we have a nice teacher named Bessie Kelly. I belong to the Loyal Temperance Legion, and it met at our home two weeks ago.

Mary Mildred Hughes.

Havre de Grace, Md., Apr. 9, 1916.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's son 15 years of age, and in the sixth grade at school. I weigh 145 pounds and am still gaining. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I belong to the church, and to the W. C. T. U. I have heard the great man, William A. Sunday, who has been preaching in Baltimore. We have 20 head of cattle, four head of horses, and 19 head of hogs, also chickens, geese, guineas and turkeys. I always feel glad to receive your Magazine. Letters exchanged.

Roland A. Hughes.

Havre de Grace, Md., Apr. 12, 1916.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little Kentucky girl 11 years old. I live on a farm of 60 acres. I have one mile to go to school, and go six months in the year. My teacher's name is Mrs. Cattie Stodghill. I like her very much.

Willie Mae Vannoy.

Madisonville, Ky., Apr. 16, 1916.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of near 17 years old, and live in a country town. I am a student in the commercial course of Youngwood High School. My father has a grocery. We have an upright piano, and I expect to graduate in music this fall. Letters and postals exchanged.

New Stanton, Pa., Apr. 13, 1916. Leona Fry.

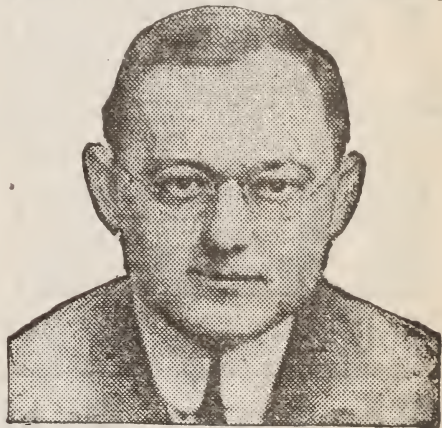
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CORRESPONDENCE.

From New York.—Mr. Park: I wish to tell you that I do appreciate your Magazine. It is certainly a valuable paper to every flower-lover. My mother, now dead, was a subscriber for several years. She was an ardent lover of flowers, and I inherited that love from her, for I feel that flowers are God's gifts and smiles. Every flower-lover ought to feel contented at home among the flowers. * * I am living upon a farm in the fruit belt. The house is old-fashioned colonial, and surrounded by lawn and decorative trees and orchards, with dear old Lake Ontario half a mile distant. At the roots of some Locust and Lilac trees and Roses are Crocuses, Jonquils, Sweet Williams and Tiger Lilies, and across the road are some young Locust trees, near which are Tiger Lilies and a border of Blue Flags. In summer I have also Petunias, Snapdragons, Pansies, Asters, Nasturtiums, Sweet Peas and Gladiolas. I dislike to think of leaving this home, but father talks of removing to Ontario County. I am inclosing some poems for the Magazine, and I wish you Godspeed in your good work. * * I wish to tell you that I am a deaf young woman, keeping house for my father. I have been educated at a deaf-mute institute in Rochester for several years, until four years ago. I wonder if any of your readers know any deaf-mutes, especially children. If they have not been to school, they must go, for it would be doing them a great wrong to let them go into the great world uneducated later on. There are lots of deaf schools in America. The one in Rochester is one of the few best schools. It uses modern ways of teaching. Parents will feel well repaid later on if they send their children to school now. I am doing this in sympathy and interest in deaf-mutes. Hazel A. Reed.

Monroe Co., N. Y., Feb. 7, 1916.



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CORRESPONDENCE.

From W. Va.—Mr. Park: I live with an aged blind lady in a cottage at the foot of a large mountain called Chimney-rock Ridge, because of a big chimney-like rock. All kinds of beautiful wild flowers grow about us from March until after frost comes in the fall. There is a handsome wild Lily grows here that opens its flowers in Blackberry time. It grows up two feet or more high, the stem branching toward the summit, and tipped with a pretty drooping bell. I have known stalks to bear 12 flowers, but many stalks bear but three or four flowers. Another plant that comes up in the spring has two large silky green leaves, and one stem shoots up between, bearing several small Pea-like flowers, pink and white. We also have white Trilliums, and some cream with black and brown center.

Susie Mitchell.

Wriston, W. Va., Feb. 21, 1916.

[Note.—The Lily is possibly the pretty swamp Lily known as Liliun superbum or Turk's Cap Lily. It is easily transferred to the garden, where it will last for years, if not destroyed by mice. * The plant with "Pea-like pink-and-white-flowers" answers to the description of Orchis spectabilis. It is one of our prettiest native Orchids, and with age becomes a showy and beautiful blooming clump. * The large white Trillium is T. grandiflorum, the purple, ill-scented one is T. erectum, and the small-flowered white one that curves beneath the guard-leaves is T. cernium.—Ed.]

From Texas.—Mr. Park: The Cactus cranks are not all dead, but they have probably lost so many plants they cannot replace that they have lost part of their enthusiasm. This has been my experience, and I now have barely one-sixth of my former collection left. We have a number of native Cacti that bear far more beautiful blossoms than many of the fine specimens I once had. I would like to get plants or seeds of native Cacti that grow in New Mexico and Arizona. Readers who live in those states please write me, naming the kinds they can supply. I shall appreciate such favors.

Mrs. E. R. Behrens.

McCulloch Co., Texas, Feb., 1916.

From Texas.—Mr. Park: We have many beautiful native plants here. The Woodbine, Trumpet Creeper, Wild Hydrangea, Dogwood, Wild Roses, large Palms and Ferns, Soap plant, Oxalis, Violets, Verbenas and many different kinds of Cacti. * * Can anyone tell me the name of a Honeysuckle my mother had when I was a child? The flowers were red and yellow in the same cluster. I have searched catalogues for it, but without success.

Marie Foster.

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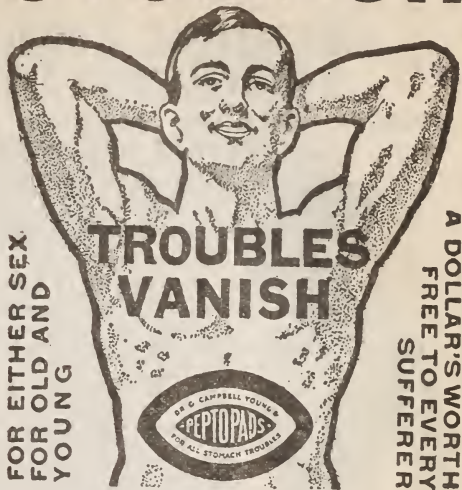


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